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Elected Town Officers, 1923

Selectmen.

Henry S. Baldwin, Chairman.

Julius A. Ulman

Frank E. Morrison

Moderator.

Daniel F. Knowlton.

Town Clerk.

Ralph D. Merritt.

Town Treasurer.

James W. Libby.

Collector of Taxes.

Philip E. Bessom.

Assessors.

Edward A. Maxfield, Chairman.

Term expires 1926.

John B. Earp.

Term expires 1925.

Clarence B. Humphrey, Secretary.

Term expires 1924.

Water and Sewerage Commissioners.

George D. R. Durkee, Chairman.

Term expires 1925.

Harold G. Enholm.

Term expires 1926.

Charles E. Hodgdon.

Term expires 1924.

Park Commissioners.

James T. Lyons, Chairman.

Term expires 1925.

Stuart P. Ellis, Secretary.

Term expires 1926.

Archibald Miller.

Term expires 1924.

School Committee.

Rev. Edward Tillotson, Chairman.

Term expires 1926.

Rev. John Vannevar.

Term expires 1925.

Mabel E. Hardy.

Term expires 1924.

Overseers of the Poor.

Joseph F. Crowell, Chairman.

Term expires 1925.

Harry E. Cahoon.

Term expires 1926.

Edmund Russell, Secretary.

Term expires 1924.

Trustees of Public Library.

Elihu Thomson.

Term expires 1925.

Louise C. Stanley.

Term expires 1926.

F. Keeler Rice.

Term expires 1924.

Board of Health.

Dr. Loring Grimes, Chairman.

Term expires 1926.

John B. Cahoon.

Term expires 1924.

Harold H. Bartol.

Term expires 1925.

Surveyor of Highways.

Michael J. Ryan.

Term expires 1924.

Tree Warden.

Everett P. Mudge.

Constables.

Frank H. Bradford.

*Clarence W. Horton.

*Charles W. Burrill.

Commissioners of Trust Funds.

Henry S. Baldwin.

Term expires 1924.

Nathan G. Bubier.

Term expires 1925.

* Resigned

Appointed Town Officers, 1923

Town Accountant.

Arthur C. Widger.

Town Counsel.

James W. Santry.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

Thomas S. Leadbetter, Chairman.

Harry E. Hardy.

Horace R. Parker.

James Warnock, Chief.

Clarence D. Kendrick, First Assistant Chief.

Frank W. Oulton, Captain.

Walter M. Champion, Captain.

Frederick T. J. McNamara, Captain.

Permanent Firemen.

Harold L. Jacobs.

Charles E. Snow.

Charles Lampard.

William B. Snow.

Ralph J. Owens.

Fred R. Morrison.

Permanent Police.

William L. Quinn, Chief.

Eugene P. Brogan, Captain.

Charles Connell.

Frank T. Roach.

Charles H. Dunlap.

James M. Kennedy.

J. Henry Pedrick.

Almon B. Owens.

Samuel B. Kehoe.

George A. Philcrantz.

Albert L. Simpson.

Edward B. Roberts, Jr.

Albert H. Hadley.

Provisional Appointments.

Albert H. Martin.

Robert C. Marsh.

Keeper of Lockup.

William L. Quinn.

Constables.

William L. Quinn.

J. Henry Pedrick.

Charles H. Dunlap.

James M. Kennedy.

Charles Connell.

George A. Place.

Eugene P. Brogan.

Almon B. Owens.

Frank T. Roach.

Town Engineer.

Wallace W. Pratt.

Superintendent of Cemetery.

Thomas Handley.

Superintendent of Burial of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors.

John R. Merritt (deceased).

Town Weigher.

Mary M. Nies.

Librarian of Public Library.

Miss S. L. Honors.

Assistant Librarians.

Miss Lucy M. Eveleth.

Miss Pauline Bain.

Miss Ruth Fanning.

Superintendent of Moth Work.

Everett P. Mudge.

Forest Warden and Forest Fire Warden.

Everett P. Mudge.

Building Inspector.

John T. Lee.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions.

Dr. Frank B. Stratton.

Health Officer and Clerk of Board of Health.

Clarence W. Horton.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

C. Walter Burrill.

Agent and Janitor Town Hall.

L. Herbert Cahoon.

Dog Officer.

Dr. Frank B. Stratton.

Field Driver.

William H. Brown.

Fence Viewers.

George H. Doane.

Hulbert C. Griffin.

Clerk of Collector of Taxes.

Ralph D. Merritt.

Attendance Officer.

C. Walter Burrill.

Registrars of Voters.

C. Freeman Shaw (Republican)	Term expires 1926
Andrew Olsen (Democrat)	Term expires 1924
Frank D. Thurston (Democrat)	Term expires 1925
Ralph D. Merritt	Ex-officio

Special Police.

John H. Bryson.	Henry W. Wagenfeld.
Frank H. Bradford.	George A. Twitchell.
Lemuel Pickard.	Charles M. Pedrick.
Edward B. Roberts, Jr.	George B. Philcrantz.
Albert H. Hadley.	Francisco Pietrogallo.
Albert R. Martin.	Horace W. Wardwell.
Alfred F. Frazier.	Edward M. Kehoe.
Coleman M. Wood.	Roscoe A. Meredith.
Clarence W. Horton.	Oliver F. Hooper.
L. Herbert Cahoon.	Charles H. Leavitt.
Joshua B. Acker.	Frank Prideaux.
James D. Bentley.	George J. Place.
Horace R. Parker.	Ralph D. Merritt.
John O'Callahan.	Alexander J. Wallace.
John T. Lee.	Samuel Hooper.
John H. Stowell.	Clement E. Kennedy.
William P. Bergin.	Norman J. Given.
Daniel B. Collins.	Ira R. Laxton.
William D. Hutt.	Fred Seaton.
Joseph W. Paulson.	Robert E. Blood.
J. Warren Lusk.	Frederick I. Nye.
Joseph M. McKim.	Earl E. Jenkins.
Patrick S. Cryan.	F. Willard Spearin.
George D. R. Durkee.	Fred A. Taylor.
Berton A. Fogg.	Alfred F. Ulman.
George Farnum.	John F. Champion.
Thomas Handley.	Robert C. Marsh.
Arthur W. Huguley.	Salvator Gemma.
George H. Reed.	John F. Mahoney.
Raymond Reynolds.	John E. Barry.
Arthur W. Rowell.	Nathaniel R. Martin.
Charles L. Stover.	Michael A. Arribea.
John C. Thomas.	Herbert E. Wood.

Secretary of Selectmen.

Arthur C. Widger.

Secretary of Water and Sewer Commissioners.

John Thompson.

Superintendent of Water Works.

John M. Mather.

Inspector of Plumbing.

Edward C. Phillips.

Measurers of Wood.

George S. Briggs.

George T. Till.

Charles Corriere.

Public Weighers.

George S. Briggs.

Vernon Chase.

Charles Corriere.

Gilbert R. Walton.

John Maitland, Jr.

Carolyn D. Horgan.

Edna Lamoreaux.

George T. Till.

William D. Manchester.

Harry W. Kemmell.

Howard C. Fleming.

Henry E. Fleming.

Finance Committee.

Maurice Yozell.

Will Anderson.

Charles I. Porter.

Benjamin B. Blanchard.

Henry Sadler.

James C. Soutter.

Board of Survey.

Henry S. Baldwin, Chairman.

Julius A. Ulman.

Frank E. Morrison.

Election Officers, Town Election, February 19, 1923.**PRECINCT 1.**

Warden

George J. Place (Republican)

Clerk

John B. Cahoon (Democrat)

Inspector

Fred Wallace (Republican)

Inspector

Robert B. Hegarty (Democrat)

Tellers.

Charles H. Thomas.

Philip Leawood.

Charles E. Melzard.

Fred L. Linden.

Fred L. Hall.

Esther A. Friedman.

George E. Goodwin.

Martha F. Duren.

PRECINCT 2.

Warden

John A. Cullen (Democrat)

Clerk

Herman E. Story (Republican)

Inspector

Robert Leslie (deceased)

Inspector

Paul Doane

Tellers.

William H. Gowell.

Timothy J. Ryan

John A. Finegan.

R. Arthur Thurston.

Fred A. Legro.

Harold C. Snow.

George E. Mitchell.

John T. Merchant.

PRECINCT 3.

Warden	E. Stanley Flagg (Republican)
Clerk	William J. Lynch (Democrat)
Inspector	Thomas Duncan (Republican)
Inspector	Ellen Q. Lynch (Democrat)

Tellers.

William C. Chatman.	John T. Scheuren.
Ralph Melzard.	Robert L. McNamara.

Zoning Committee.

Clarence B. Humphrey.	James L. Taylor.
Martin L. Quinn.	Ernest M. Folger.
Henry S. Baldwin.	James W. Santry.

Committee on Gamewell System—Telegraph and Red Lights.

John F. Luther.	William L. Quinn.
C. Sanford Doughty.	H. Ashley Bowen.

Fourth of July Committee.

James T. Lyons.	Edgar W. Marvin.
Stuart P. Ellis.	Horace R. Parker.
Archibald Miller.	Alfred F. Frazier.

Landing for Blaney Beach Committee.

George J. Place	E. Stanley Flagg.
Harry E. Cahoon.	Ralph H. Russell.

Inventory of Public Property

Miscellaneous.

Town hall and land	\$37,000 00	
House adjoining and land	3,000 00	
Public Library and equipment	50,000 00	
Soldiers' Monument	3,000 00	
Hay Scales	800 00	
Piano	350 00	
Standard weights and measures	500 00	
Treasurer's safe	295 00	
Town Clerk's safe	75 00	
Collector's safe	50 00	
Selectmen's office fixtures	600 00	
G. A. R. hall and land	9,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$104,670 00

School Department.

Phillips school and land	\$175,000 00	
Clarke school and land	50,000 00	
Machon school and land	113,000 00	
Palmer school and land	30,000 00	
Hadley school and land	240,000 00	
Manual Training school	2,000 00	
Essex street land	300 00	
School furniture	13,050 00	
Manual training equipment	1,700 00	
Domestic science equipment	1,300 00	
Books, elementary	4,000 00	
Books, high school	3,500 00	
Laboratory	3,500 00	
Pianos	1,400 00	
Equipment	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$639,050 00

Cemetery Department.

Receiving tomb	\$2,000 00	
Old tomb	20 00	
House	500 00	
Land	5,000 00	
Implements	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,620 00

Police Department.

Police station	\$5,000 00	
Ambulance and garage	3,000 00	
Safe	100 00	
Three desks, 11 chairs	100 00	
Cabinet	84 00	
Typewriter	60 00	
Public statutes	10 00	
Equipment for officers	383 00	
Lungmotor	136 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,867 00

Street Watering Department.

One watering cart	\$200 00	
Oil wagon	600 00	
Pump	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$850 00

Highway Department.

Stone crusher plant	\$5,000 00	
Steam road roller	5,990 00	
Storage building, stable and land, State road	8,500 00	
Gravel bank (Marblehead)	500 00	
Locker building (Marblehead)	75 00	
Two road machines	550 00	
Water cart	200 00	
Two-horse wagons	400 00	
Street sweepers	300 00	
Ten snow plows	1,225 00	
Gutter plows	75 00	
Sand (stored)	300 00	
Sand shed	2,500 00	
Horse. harness, buggy, sleigh, pung, blankets	350 00	
Equipment and supplies	580 00	
Eight horses, harness, etc.	3,000 00	
Tip carts	500 00	
Pungs	350 00	
Crushed stone at yard	75 00	
Gravel at yard	400 00	
	<hr/>	\$30,870 00

Assessors' Department.

Plans and maps	\$3,000 00	
Safe	90 00	
Chairs	50 00	
Desk	25 00	
Table	25 00	
Cabinet and cards	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,190 00

Park Department.

Land, Blaney's beach reservation	\$38,303 00	
Building, Blaney's beach reservation	7,500 00	
Land, Monument avenue reservation	24,997 00	
Land, Paradise road playground	15,205 00	
Building, Jackson park	300 00	
Jackson park	10,000 00	
Phillips park	8,000 00	
Equipment and tools	308 60	
Office furniture	67 00	
Signs, wire and tank	45 00	
Bubble fountains	100 00	
Building, Paradise road playground	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$105,125 60

Moth Department.

Building	\$135 00	
Power sprayer and hose	1,200 00	
Ladders	98 50	
Small power sprayer	300 00	
Insecticides	102 00	
Tools, etc.	108 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,943 50

Health Department.

Dory and fittings	\$15 00	
Tools	25 00	
Generators	100 00	
Office furnishings	750 00	
Milk inspection outfit	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$965 00

Poor Department.

Safe	\$35 00	
Furniture	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$70 00

Fire Department.

Engine house and land, New Ocean St.	\$13,500.00	
Ladder truck and equipment	7,000 00	
Fire alarm system	8,920 00	
Harness, blankets, etc.	50 00	
Furniture and bedding	300 00	
Combination pumping outfit and equipment	8,200 00	
Service car	600 00	
Dodge runabout	450 00	
	<hr/>	\$39,020 00

Phillips Beach House.

Chemical house and land	\$15,400 00	
Auto Combination A and equipment	3,575 00	
Horse drawn chemical	500 00	
Blankets, harness, etc.	50 00	
Furniture and bedding	75 00	
Tire shoes and inner tubes	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$19,650 00

Hose.

Three thousand seven hundred feet of 2½ inch hose	\$3,130 00	
Six hundred fifty feet of ¾ in. hose	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,430 00

Water Department.

Water mains and standpipe	\$198,069 00	
Land on Pine St.	4,000 00	
Ten acres Thompson's meadow	1,000 00	
Work shop and garage	2,000 00	
Brick building, Pine St.	4,000 00	
Auto truck	500 00	
Office furniture	700 00	
Two thousand ninety-six meters	21,626 00	
Stock on hand	4,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$235,895 35

Sewer Department.

Pumping station	\$17,000 00	
Pumping plant	12,000 00	
Land	5,000 00	
Office furniture	350 00	
Tools and equipment	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$34,850 00

Engineering Department.

Instruments, tools	\$457 00	
Typewriter	100 00	
Furniture	140 00	
Supplies	50 00	
Calculating machine	300 00	
Mimeographing machine	180 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,227 00

Summary.

Miscellaneous	\$104,670 00
School Department	639,050 00
Cemetery	7,620 00
Police Department	8,867 00
Street Watering Department	850 00
Highway Department	30,870 00
Assessors' Department	4,190 00
Park Department	105,125 60
Health Department	965 00
Moth Department	1,943 00
Poor Department	70 00
Fire Department	39,020 00
Phillips Beach House	19,650 00
Hose	3,430 00
Water Department	235,895 35
Sewer Department	34,850 00
Engineering Department	1,227 00
	<hr/> \$1,238,293 45

Town Clerk's Records

Annual Town Meeting, February 19, 1923

TOWN WARRANT

ESSEX SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Swampscott in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Swampscott, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to assemble in their respective precincts, in said Swampscott, on Monday, the nineteenth day of February, at 6 A. M., then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

At the close of the election the meeting shall adjourn to February 20, 1923, at 7.30 P. M., at the Town Hall.

- ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for one (1) year.
To choose a Town Clerk for one (1) year.
To choose three members of the Board of Selectmen for one (1) year.
To choose one member of the Board of Assessors for three (3) years.
To choose one member of the Board of Assessors for two (2) years.
To choose a Town Treasurer for one (1) year.
To choose a Collector of Taxes for one (1) year.
To choose one member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for three (3) years.
To choose one member of the School Committee for three (3) years.
To choose one member of the Board of Health for three (3) years.
To choose one member of the Overseers of the Poor for three (3) years.
To choose three Constables for one (1) year.
To choose one Park Commissioner for three (3) years.
To choose one member of the Water and Sewerage Board for three (3) years.
To choose one Tree Warden for one (1) year.
To choose one member of the Board of Commissioners of Trust Funds for three (3) years.
All to be chosen on one ballot.

ART. 2. To vote by ballot "Yes" or "No" upon the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?"

- ART. 3. To hear and act on the reports of:
Town Clerk.
School Committee.
Captain of Police.
Board of Fire Engineers.
Board of Assessors.
Town Engineer.
Forest Warden.

Superintendent of Moth Work.
Tree Warden.
Treasurer's Report.
Trust Funds Commissioners.
Superintendent of Cemetery.
Building Inspector.
Trustees of Public Library.
Library Building Committee.
Board of Health.
Health Officer.
Health Nurse.
Milk Inspector.
Inspector of Plumbing.
Park Commissioners.
Surveyor of Highways.
Water and Sewerage Board.
Sealer of Weights and Measures.
Additions to Palmer School.
Overseers of the Poor.
Dog Officer.
Fourth of July Committee.
Collector of Taxes.
Board of Selectmen.
Town Accountant's Report.
Finance Committee.

ART. 4. To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Water and Sewerage Board for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see what action the Town will take in relation to salaries of town officials for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1923, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, the debt or debts incurred thereby to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

ART. 10. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the School Committee, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on pages 87 and 94.

ART. 11. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Captain of Police, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on pages 108 and 109.

ART. 12. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Board of Fire Engineers, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on pages 111, 112, and 113.

ART. 13. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Board of Health, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on pages 145 and 149.

ART. 14. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Park Commissioners, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on pages 155 and 156.

ART. 15. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Surveyor of Highways, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on page 160.

ART. 16. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the

recommendations in the report of the Water and Sewerage Board as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on pages 161, 168, and 170.

ART. 17. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Board of Selectmen, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on pages 188, 189, 192, 193, 195, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, and 204.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of nine hundred dollars to permit the School Committee to give "instruction in the use of English for adults unable to speak, read or write the same, and in the fundamental principles of government and other subjects adapted to fit for American citizenship" in accordance with the provisions of Sections nine and ten of chapter sixty-nine of the General Laws and Acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by right of eminent domain for public school purposes, and appropriate money for the same, a certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows:-

Beginning at a point at the southeast corner of the Hadley School lot; thence northerly for a distance of about one hundred two feet; thence easterly for a distance of about sixty-nine feet; thence southerly for a distance of about one hundred two feet to the northerly side of Redington street; thence westerly along said street to the point of beginning.

And also another parcel of land for public school purposes bounded and described as follows:-

Beginning at a point at the northwesterly corner of the above described lot; thence northerly for a distance of fifty-one feet; thence easterly for a distance of sixty-nine feet; thence southerly for a distance of fifty-one feet; thence westerly along the above described lot for a distance of sixty-nine feet to the point of beginning.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to place a fire alarm box at the junction of Sheridan and Elmwood roads and appropriate money for the same as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Excess and Deficiency the sum of three thousand five hundred forty-one dollars and fifty-nine cents overdrawn appropriations, and carried forward to 1923 by authority of the Department of Corporations, Division of Accounts.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will accept the bequest under the will of Mrs. Ellen E. Andrews, as follows:-

"All the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal, of which I shall die seized and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my death, to be paid to the Town of Swampscott for the purpose of erecting a Memorial Chapel in said cemetery in memory of my late husband, Isaac H. Andrews, said Chapel to be named, 'The Andrews Memorial Chapel.' I desire that said Chapel be built either of light colored brick or of split stone, according to the remaining funds, the design of said Chapel to be chosen by said Augustine H. Rich, and I desire that my piano be placed in said Chapel and kept covered when not in use. It is my wish that only the five persons whose names are on the monument on said lot shall be buried there, and as each person passes away the year to be cut in the stone."

ART. 23. "I direct that my executors hereinafter named shall pay one hundred and fifty dollars to the Town of Swampscott, for the care of the monument and urn on my cemetery lot No. 455 in said Swampscott, the same to be kept clean and when repaired to be done in a workmanlike manner and to purchase a new urn when necessary and place flowers on said lot during each year. This sum is in addition to the sum already paid to said Town of Swampscott for the perpetual care of said lot."

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to lay a six-inch (6") water main in Sherwood street, Bond street and Fuller avenue for a distance of about twelve hundred feet (1,200') and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Frank H. Van Blarcom, *et als*.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a fourteen-ton road roller with scarifier and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Surveyor of Highways.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to place street signs on the different streets of the town and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the same, as recommended by the Surveyor of Highways.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to curb and build a sidewalk on the north side of Humphrey street from Phillips Beach station to Forest avenue for a distance of about twelve hundred feet (1,200') and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Surveyor of Highways.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to purchase sidewalk plows and road machines for the Highway Department and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the same, as recommended by the Surveyor of Highways.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept Valley road as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated December, 1922, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept Mountwood road as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated December, 1922, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept Roy street as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated December, 1922, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept that portion of private way known as Burpee road and all of the private way known as Bertha street, and to be known as Burpee road, as laid out on a plan drawn by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated February, 1921, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will vote to accept Phillips circle as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated December, 1922, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept Bradlee avenue as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated, January, 1923, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept Palmer avenue, so-called, from Humphrey street to its intersection with Orchard road, and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Arthur C. Lewis, and others.

ART. 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept Orchard road, so-called, from Humphrey street to its intersection with Palmer avenue and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Arthur C. Lewis, and others.

ART. 37. To see if the Town will vote to enclose in a cement culvert a portion of Hawthorne brook from Salem street easterly for about six hundred fifty feet (650') and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ART. 38. To see if the Town will vote to construct a culvert for a part of King's brook, extending from Stacey brook to Huron street, a distance of about five hundred feet (500'), in accordance with the plans prepared by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, and appropriate ninety-five hundred dollars (\$9,500) for the same, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ART. 39. To see if the Town will vote to construct a culvert for a portion of King's brook extending from Cherry street to Essex street, a distance of about two hundred seventy feet (270') in accordance with the plans prepared by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, and appropriate forty--

fire hundred dollars (\$4,500) for the same, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ART. 40. To see if the Town will vote to lay a sewer in Claremont terrace for a distance of three hundred feet (300') to connect with private sewer already laid across town's sewer easement to main sewer, and to appropriate money for the same; also to reimburse Fred M. Collins for a part of cost of said private sewer, as petitioned for by Stuart P. Ellis, *et als.*

ART. 41. To see if the Town will vote to build a sewer in Humphrey street from the Palmer school to Palmer avenue, a distance of about seven hundred feet (700'), and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by William C. McNamara, *et als.*

ART. 42. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) for the purpose of extending the present sewer at the corner of Palmer avenue and Humphrey street, a distance of two hundred fifty feet (250') east of Humphrey street, as petitioned for by Edward N. Carpenter, *et als.*

ART. 43. To see if the Town will vote to extend the sewer in Mountain avenue a distance of two hundred seventy feet (270') from Beach avenue, and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Board of Health.

ART. 44. To see if the Town will vote to sell to the E. R. Grabow Company, Inc., owners of the New Ocean House, an irregular strip of land, adjoining the property of that Company, on the southern extremity of the pumping station lot located on Humphrey street, belonging to the Town of Swampscott, containing approximately fifty-three hundred eighty square feet (5,380 sq. ft.) of land, as shown on plan submitted, for the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500), as petitioned for by the Water and Sewerage Board.

ART. 45. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to study the advisability of dividing the town into zones or districts and to limit buildings according to their use or construction to such zones or districts, as authorized by sections 25 to 30, inclusive, of chapter 40 of the General Laws, and to report at the next annual town meeting, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ART. 46. To see if the Town will vote to amend section 2 of chapter 2 of the by-laws by striking out the period at the end thereof and substituting in place thereof a comma and by adding the following words, namely:—"but a less number may adjourn from time to time," so that said section will then read as follows:—

"Section 2. The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at a town meeting shall be one hundred, excepting at a meeting devoted exclusively to the election of town officers, but a less number may adjourn from time to time."

as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ART. 47. To see if the Town will vote to amend the by-laws by striking out section 11 of chapter 11 of the same and substituting in place thereof the following, namely:—

No building shall be erected, or located on a lot of land so that any part of the same shall be within three feet of any line separating the land upon which such building rests from adjacent land, except such buildings as are described in chapter 635 of the Acts of 1912 and Acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ART. 48. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to acquire suitable quarters for the use of the veterans of the various wars, as petitioned for by E. Stanley Flagg, *et als.*

ART. 49. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) for the construction and enclosing of double tennis courts on Abbott Park, as petitioned for by Arthur E. Willard, *et als.*

ART. 50. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the purchase and installation of portable bleachers for Jackson and Phillips Parks, as petitioned for by Robert W. Campbell, Jr., *et als*.

ART. 51. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars (\$2,200) for playground activities, including the purchase and installation of equipment, the same to be expended under the joint supervision of the Park Commissioners and the School Committee, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 217, section 1, of the General Laws, as petitioned for by Arthur F. Bent, *et als*.

ART. 52. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the celebration of the Fourth of July and to appoint a committee to have charge of the celebration, as petitioned for by Alfred F. Frazier, *et als*.

ART. 53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appointment of a committee to investigate the feasibility of a forest for Swampscott.

ART. 54. To see if the Town will vote to accept sections 21-28, inclusive, of the General Laws permitting certain sports and games on the Lord's Day, as petitioned for by Samuel G. King, *et als*.

ART. 55. To appropriate and raise, by borrowing or otherwise, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for any or all of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles.

The polls will be closed at 4:30 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Offices and three other public and conspicuous places in the Town, seven days before the day appointed for said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this second day of February, in the year 1923.

CLARENCE B. DELANO,
HENRY S. BALDWIN,
FRANK E. MORRISON,

Selectmen of Swampscott.

A true copy. Attest:

FRANK H. BRADFORD, *Constable*.

Return on the Warrant

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified the legal voters of Swampscott, by posting attested copies of said warrant at the Town Hall, post offices and three other public and conspicuous places in Swampscott on Saturday, February 10, 1923, the posting of said notices being at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

FRANK H. BRADFORD,
Constable.

Annual Town Meeting, February 19, 1923

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the voters of the town assembled at the voting places in the several precincts and were called to order at 6 o'clock A. M. by the presiding officers. The warrant calling the meeting was read, with the return thereon.

The following were qualified as precinct officers:

Precinct 1—Warden, George J. Place (R); Clerk, Robert B. Hegarty (D); Inspectors, Fred Wallace (R); John B. Cahoon (D); tellers, Frank W. Goodwin (R), Charles H. Thomas (R), Esther A. Friedman (R), Philip Leawood (R), Charles E. Melzard (D), Frederick S. Hall (R), George E. Goodwin (R), Martha F. Duren (R).

Precinct 2—Warden, John F. Finnegan(D); Clerk, Herman F. Story(R); Inspectors, Paul Doane (R), Robert Leslie (D); tellers, Frank Legro (R), William R. Gowell (R), Timothy J. Ryan (D), John Merchant (R), Harold C. Snow (R), Richard A. Thurston (D), Frank G. Melvin (D), George E. Mitchell (R), Daniel F. Knowlton Moderator, Ralph D. Merritt Assistant Town Clerk.

Precinct 3—Warden, E. Stanley Flagg (R); Clerk, William J. Lynch (D); Inspectors, Thomas Duncan (R), Ellen Q. Lynch (D); tellers, William C. Chatman (R), John Scheurin (D), Edwin G. Black (R), Richard Melville (D).

The ballots prepared by the Town Clerk were delivered to the precinct officers previous to the opening of the polls, and the count starting at 4:30 P. M. The ballot boxes registered correctly at precincts 1 and 3, and the checks on voting lists were the same as number of ballots cast.

The result of the balloting was declared at 10:30 o'clock as follows:—

Number of ballots cast in Precinct 1, 990; in Precinct 2, 1234; Precinct 3, 231; total, 2455.

For Moderator:	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Total
Daniel F. Knowlton, elected	718	947	178	1,843
Blanks	272	287	53	612
For Town Clerk:				
Ralph D. Merritt, elected	742	980	185	1,907
Blanks	248	254	46	548
For Selectmen:				
Henry S. Baldwin, elected	452	682	121	1,255
Julius A. Ulman, elected	467	631	122	1,220
Frank E. Morrison, elected	546	573	97	1,216
Clarence B. Delano,	519	547	101	1,167
Frank E. Wright, Jr.,	414	606	142	1,162
John F. Luther,	484	568	102	1,154
Blanks	88	95	8	191
For Treasurer:				
James W. Libby, elected	757	995	187	1,939
Blanks	233	239	44	516
For Assessor, three years:				
Edward A. Maxfield, elected	731	954	180	1,865
Blanks	259	280	51	590
For Collector of Taxes:				
Philip E. Bessom, elected	762	981	187	1,930
Blanks	228	253	44	525
For School Committee, three years:				
Edward Tillotson, elected	704	901	174	1,779
Blanks	286	333	57	676
For member Board of Health, three years:				
Loring Grimes, elected	737	981	187	1,905
Blanks	253	253	44	550
For member Water and Sewerage Board, three years:				
Harold G. Enholm, elected	709	948	178	1,835
Blanks	281	286	53	620
For Overseer of Poor, three years:				
Harry E. Cahoon, elected	757	979	185	1,921
Blanks	233	255	46	534
For Park Commissioner, three years:				
Stuart P. Ellis, elected	713	943	181	1,837
Blanks	277	291	50	618
For Trustee Public Library, three years:				
Louise C. Stanley, elected	699	966	191	1,856
Blanks	291	268	40	599
For Tree Warden:				
Everett P. Mudge, elected	735	944	189	1,868
Blanks	255	290	42	587
For Constables:				
Frank H. Bradford, elected	657	874	175	1,706

Charles Walter Burrill, elected	649	851	176	1,676
Clarence W. Horton, elected	661	856	167	1,684
Blanks	983	1121	175	2,279
For Assessor, for two years, (to fill vacancy)				
John B. Earp, elected	524	654	116	1,294
Hiram W. Rowell,	332	460	71	863
Blanks	134	120	44	298
For Commissioner Trust Funds, for three years:				
Weston K. Lewis, elected	15	22		37
Scattering	9	29	3	41
Blanks	966	1183	228	2,377
License Question:				
Yes	200	282	83	565
No	544	710	102	1,356
Blanks	246	242	46	534
Adjourned.				

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT, *Town Clerk.*

Adjourned Annual Town Meeting, February 20, 1923

In accordance with the warrant the voters assembled at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, February 20, 1923. The meeting was called to order by Daniel F. Knowlton, Moderator, at 7:45 o'clock, the necessary number of voters being present. The records of the previous meeting were read by the Town Clerk and declared approved.

Voted, Article 3. To accept all reports of committees and officers as printed in the Annual Report, except those recommendations calling for appropriations, they to be referred to the Finance Committee.

Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 were referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee on Article 9 was read by Harry D. Linseott, Chairman.

Voted, Article 9. To accept the report and adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows:

That the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1923, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000), and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from the revenue of said financial year. (Unanimous.)

Articles 10 to 44 inclusive were referred to the Finance Committee.

Voted, Article 14. That section of the Park Commissioners' report on Jackson Park, referring to the strip of land recently added to Jackson Park, be accepted and recommendation be adopted, that a committee consisting of the Board of Selectmen, the Water and Sewerage Board, the Park Commissioners and Town Counsel be empowered to investigate the matter and report their findings and recommendations to the adjourned town meeting.

Voted, Article 45. To accept the report, and recommendations be adopted, of the Board of Selectmen, in regard to the appointment of a committee to study the advisability of dividing the town into zones and districts, and report at the next annual town meeting.

Voted, Article 46. Recommendations be accepted and adopted as follows: "Section 2. The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at a town meeting shall be one hundred, excepting at a meeting devoted exclusively to the election of town officers, but a less number may adjourn from time to time."

Voted, Article 47. Recommendations be accepted and adopted as follows: "No building shall be erected, or located on a lot of land so that any part of the same shall be within three feet of any line separating

the land upon which such building rests from adjacent land, except such buildings as are described in Chapter 635 of the acts of 1912 and Acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto."

Articles 48 to 52 inclusive were referred to the Finance Committee.

Voted, Article 53. Be referred to same Committee as under Article 14.

Voted, Article 54. Be referred to the Board of Selectmen and they to place it in a proper form, and report at a meeting later called.

Article 55 was referred to the Finance Committee.

Voted, that when we adjourn it be to Tuesday evening, April 3rd, 1923, at 8 o'clock.

Voted to adjourn at 8:35 o'clock.

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,
Town Clerk.

Assistant Tax Collector, February 21, 1923

Ralph D. Merritt, was appointed Assistant Tax Collector by Philip E. Bessom, and qualified for the office.

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,
Town Clerk.

Petition for Recount

SWAMPSCOTT, February 21, 1923.

Petition for recount of votes cast at town election of February 19th, was received, petitioning for a recount of votes cast for Selectmen. The votes were recounted by the Board of Registrars, assisted by Harry E. Cahoon, John F. Finnegan, E. Stanley Flagg, Ralph Maxwell and R. Arthur Thurston. While errors were found, they were not of sufficient number to change the election.

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,
Town Clerk.

Amended By-Law

By-law Chapter 2, Section 2, as amended:

Section 2. The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at a town meeting shall be one hundred, excepting at a meeting devoted exclusively to the election of town officers, but a less number may adjourn from time to time.

BOSTON, MASS., March 2, 1923.

The foregoing by-law is hereby approved.

JOHN R. BENTON,
Attorney General.

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,
Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting, Warrant, Tuesday, April 3, 1923

ESSEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Swampscott in said County.
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Swampscott, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said Swampscott on Tuesday, the third day of April, at 7:30 P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1—To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations of the Water and Sewerage Board with reference to the replacement of water mains on Rock avenue, Redington street, Beach avenue, Boynton street and Rockland street, as contained on page 161 of the annual report, dated December 31, 1922.

Article 2—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Water and Sewerage Board to extend the lease of the premises located on New Ocean street, and known as the Pumping Station, for an additional term of five years upon the expiration of the lease now outstanding, as recommended by the Water and Sewerage Board.

Article 3—To see if the town will vote to accept Sections 21 to 28 inclusive of Chapter 136 of the General Laws, permitting certain sports and games on the Lord's Day, as petitioned for by Samuel G. King, *et als*.

Article 4—To see if the town will vote to discontinue that portion of Middlesex avenue, immediately in front of the Clark School lot, extending from the continuation of the southwest boundary of the school lot, for a distance of about 210 feet, and to appropriate money for the same.

Article 5—To see if the town will vote to take for highway purposes, a certain triangular piece of land, located at the corner of Railroad avenue and Burrill street, containing fifteen hundred (1500) square feet more or less, the property of Annie Sherman, and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by William E. Henry, *et als*.

Article 6—To appropriate and raise, by borrowing or otherwise, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for any or all of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Offices, and three other public and conspicuous places in town, seven days before the day appointed for said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of March, A. D., 1923.

HENRY S. BALDWIN,
JULIUS A. ULMAN,
FRANK E. MORRISON.

Selectmen of Swampscott.

A true copy. Attest:

FRANK H. BRADFORD, *Constable*.

Return on the Warrant

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified the legal voters of Swampscott, by posting attested copies of said warrant, at the Town Hall, Post Offices and three other public and conspicuous places in Swampscott on Monday, March 26, 1923, the posting of said notices being at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

FRANK H. BRADFORD,
Constable.

Special Town Meeting, April 3, 1923

In accordance with the warrant, the voters assembled at the Town Hall, on Tuesday evening, April 3, 1923.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock by Daniel F. Knowlton, Moderator, the necessary quorum being present.

The Warrant and the return thereon was read by the Town Clerk.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by Harry D. Linscott, Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee

On Articles in the warrant for the Special Town Meeting Tuesday, April 3, 1923.

Article 1. To see what action the town will take in relation to recommendations of the Water and Sewerage Board with reference to the replacement of water mains on Rock avenue, Redington street, Beach avenue, Boynton street and Rockland street as contained on page 161 of the annual report, dated December 31, 1922.

The Finance Committee recommends that the Water and Sewerage Board be authorized to replace water mains as follows: On Rock avenue, a distance of about 700 feet with a fourteen inch pipe; On Redington street, a distance of about 310 feet with a ten inch pipe; On Beach avenue, a distance of about 725 feet with a six inch pipe; On Boynton street, a distance of about 330 feet with a six inch pipe; On Rockland street, a distance of about 975 feet with a six inch pipe, and that the sum of \$15,000 be appropriated therefor, to be raised by notes or bonds of the town.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Water and Sewerage Board to extend the lease of the premises located on New Ocean street, and known as the Pumping Station, for an additional term of five years upon expiration of the lease now outstanding, as recommended by the Water and Sewerage Board.

We recommend that the Water and Sewerage Board be authorized to extend the lease of the premises located on New Ocean street, and known as the Pumping Station, for an additional term of five years upon the same conditions as of the now existing lease about to expire, and that the Board be authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver a new lease to that effect.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to discontinue that portion of Middlesex avenue, immediately in front of the Clarke School lot, extending from the continuation of the southwest boundary of the school lot, for a distance of about 210 feet, and appropriate money for the same.

We recommend that the town discontinue as a public way that portion of Middlesex avenue immediately in front of the Clarke School lot extending from the continuation of the southwest boundary of the school lot for a distance of about 210 feet, and that the sum of \$300 be appropriated for the purpose of closing that discontinued portion of said street.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to take for highway purposes, a certain triangular piece of land located at the corner of Railroad avenue and Burrill street, containing fifteen hundred (1500) square feet more or less, the property of Annie Sherman, and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by William E. Henry, *et als*.

We recommend that action on this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 6. To appropriate and raise, by borrowing or otherwise, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for any or all of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles.

We recommend that for the purposes specified in Article 1, which relates to the replacement of water mains in Rock avenue, Beach avenue, Rockland street and Boynton street, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor; said bonds or notes to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Selectmen, and shall be issued and payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 134 of the Acts of 1923, and of Section 19, Chapter 44, of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than thirty years from the date of the issue of the first bond or note or at such earlier dates as the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, may determine; said bonds or notes shall be denominated on the face thereof "Swampscott Water Loan, Act of 1923" and shall bear such rates of interest as may be fixed by the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen.

HARRY D. LINSOTT,
ARTHUR M. WYMAN,
JOHN A. HOLMES,
FRANK H. PAYNE,
WILL B. ANDERSON,
BENJ. B. BLANCHARD.

Finance Committee.

Voted, Article 1. To accept and adopt the report of the Finance Committee as follows: That the Water and Sewerage Board be authorized to replace water mains as follows: On Rock avenue, a distance of about 700 feet with a fourteen inch pipe; on Redington street, a distance of about 310 feet with a ten inch pipe; on Beach avenue, a distance of about 725 feet with a six inch pipe; on Boynton street, a distance of about 330 feet with a six inch pipe; on Rockland street, a distance of about 975 feet with a six inch pipe, and that the sum of \$15,000 be appropriated therefor, to be raised by notes or bonds of the town. (Unanimous.)

Voted, Article 2. That the Water and Sewerage Board be authorized to extend the lease of premises located on New Ocean street, known as the Pumping Station, for an additional term of five years upon the same conditions as of the now existing lease about to expire, and that the Board be authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver a new lease to that effect.

Voted, Article 3. To be indefinitely postponed.

Voted, Article 4. The report of the Finance Committee be accepted, and the recommendations be adopted as follows: That the town discontinue as a public way that portion of Middlesex avenue, immediately in front of the Clarke School lot, extending from the continuation of the southwest boundary of the school lot, for a distance of about 210 feet, and that the sum of \$300 be appropriated for the purpose of closing that discontinued portion of said street.

Voted, Article 3. To be indefinitely postponed.

Voted, Article 6. The report of the Finance Committee be accepted, and the recommendations be adopted as follows:—For the purposes specified in Article 1, which relates to the replacement of water mains in Rock avenue, Beach avenue, Rockland street, Redington street and Boynton street, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor; said bonds or notes to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Selectmen, and shall be issued and payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 134 of the Acts of 1923, and of Section 19 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than thirty years from the date of the issue of the first bond or note, or at such earlier dates as the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, may determine; said bonds or notes shall be denominated on the face thereof "Swampscott Water Loan, Act 1923" and shall bear such rates of interest as may be fixed by the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen. (Unanimous.)

Voted to dissolve at 8 o'clock.

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,
Town Clerk.

Adjourned Annual Town Meeting, April 3, 1923

In accordance with the adjournment of February 20, 1923, the voters were called to order by Daniel F. Knowlton, Moderator, at 8 o'clock.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the records of last meeting.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by Harry D. Linscott, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Swampscott:

The Finance Committee submits herewith its report on matters in the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting of 1923.

During the past five years the town's expenditures have been as follows:

Year	Money Obtained from Taxes and Receipts		Borrowed Money	Total
1918	.	\$404,872 00	\$ 19,000 00	\$423,872 00
1919	.	404,383 00	30,800 00	435,183 00
1920	.	487,276 00	166,000 00	653,276 00
1921	.	524,730 00	74,500 00	599,230 00
1922	.	537,025 00	41,500 00	578,525 00

The total amount called for by the articles in the 1923 warrant is approximately \$715,000. If all the appropriations asked for in the warrant were voted, the present tax rate of \$25 per thousand would undergo a very radical increase. The warrant must be considered as a whole. Every warrant contains some articles not needed, and others which, although at the time they seem important to groups of citizens particularly interested, must nevertheless give way to more essential matters and be postponed to a later date. If we annually loaded up the town with all the expense asked, the result would be not only unfair to all the citizens, whether property owners or rent payers, but in a very few years the town would have difficulty in raising money for matters of absolute necessity. Only customary and essential expenditures should be passed.

Of the amounts asked, the Finance Committee has recommended a total of \$580,000 to be raised from receipts and taxes and \$48,500 to be raised by borrowing. This means that the amount to be raised by direct taxation, if our recommendations are followed, is approximately \$43,000 more than a year ago. The tax rate will doubtless be raised. From this it is apparent that we have taken no narrow or parsimonious view of public service. Possibly we have not cut down as much as we might. But with the regular departments and established activities of the town requiring \$43,000 more than a year ago, we certainly ought not to be launched into some of the other functions called for in the warrant, no matter how estimable their supporters may regard them.

As to money borrowed, we would call attention to the fact that we are paying annually something like \$38,000 in interest and \$70,000 on principal of money borrowed, which comes directly out of taxation. Hence to advocate an article because it can be bonded is short sighted to say the least. Furthermore, our bonded indebtedness will jump rapidly in the next few years because of inevitable school additions.

In discussing the question of expense during the present year and likely to come up in the near future, we think it proper to direct attention to the school department because this is the largest single department in the town, the one directly affecting the greatest number of citizens, and the one most rapidly expanding.

As we pointed out a year ago, the annual school expense for the past years has been: 1918, \$66,334; 1919, \$70,826; 1920, \$91,532; 1921, \$131,669; 1922, \$129,321; 1923, asked \$136,963. The cost from 1919 to 1922 increased 95 per cent. The average membership in the schools during the same period increased 11 per cent. Those figures do not include new buildings and additions, which have cost approximately \$170,000. Much of the increase, of course, has been due to rising prices.

A study of the annual report of the School Committee would indicate that the cost will increase greatly in the next few years. In addition to acquiring land and buildings next to the Hadley School, for which an article is in the present warrant, this department plans or desires in the near future to erect a new high school (Town Report, page 87), to change the present high into a grammar school "after suitable alterations" (page 87), to erect an elementary school (page 95), to add or expand industrial arts and vocational training courses in junior and senior high schools (pages 95, 101).

The cost of school expansion has become a very serious problem, according to a report of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching made by its president, Henry S. Pritchett, formerly head of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. If continued at the present rate, he believes, the support will become so burdensome as to cause a breakdown similar to that now existing with the railroads, which with difficulty obtain money for actual needs. Nor is this expansion increasing efficiency in education. To quote a few sentences from his report:

"The so-called 'enrichment' in the curriculum of schools has perhaps been the most influential factor in the rise of the cost of public education. Through the exaggerated enrichment of the curriculum not only have numberless studies been added but pupils have been led to believe

that superficial knowledge of many things could replace the intellectual discipline that comes from mastery of a few things. . . . It is not too much to say that the vocational training offered in the high schools has so little of the sharp, accurate responsibility of the well-trained technician, and is so poorly related to the facts and circumstances of these vocations, that it is in a great measure an educational farce. The teaching of vocations in high schools is a mistake. . . . There are certain studies which form part of the intellectual background of an American child who is to discharge the duties of citizenship and lead a useful and happy life. . . . In contrast with this notion has arisen another theory of education; that the child must . . . be taught something of every form of knowledge in which the modern world interests itself. . . . The first conception makes for sincerity, thoroughness and intellectual vigor. The second, only too often, in the endeavor to give the child some grasp of all knowledge, gives him only the most superficial smattering and instead of quickening his powers of reason tends to give him the impression that he can solve the problems of his own life and of his country by the same superficial process that he has learned in school. The cost of education, no less than the educational result itself, depends upon the conception of what a school can do, and the answer to that question is the first step toward a decision as to whether the enrichment of the curriculum shall continue along the lines followed in the last decade. The right limit to the cost of the school system will be found in a sound decision as to what a school can and ought to do, and the resolute development of the school system in accordance with this decision."

We do not cite the foregoing as a criticism of the Swampscott School Department. It applies to schools generally. We do not say the present school cost in Swampscott is excessive, although we do believe the funds provided are ample. As a matter of normal growth the school is probably bound to cover a greater variety of activities than a decade back. A certain amount of expansion is healthy progress. Believing, from present indications, that the town will be called upon to face still higher school costs in the near future, however, and with a movement on foot for a new high school, the erection of which probably would be not less than half a million dollars, we do not think it out of place in this report to call to the attention of those who vote appropriations that, in addition to the matter of taxation, there is a serious question as to whether the educational system is improved by continued expansion and increasing expense. Demands for more room might well be taken care of when necessary by additions to present structures.

The school appropriation recommended this year is \$135,463, or about \$6,000 over last year. We believe this sufficient to care for the customary overhead, pay automatic and other increases, add three new teachers, provide additional equipment and make necessary repairs. Among the repairs, we assume the boilers at the High and Hadley schools will be retubed and some repairs made in the heating equipment at the Clarke school.

The expense of the Street Department has increased considerably this year owing to the large amount of snow, which was removed at a cost of approximately \$15,000, the conditions left by an unusually hard winter, and the necessity of purchasing a new road roller to cost \$5,300 net and new plows and a scraper at \$1,000. The town meeting of 1920 passed a resolution that it was the sense of the meeting that all departments pay their laboring men at the rate of \$5 per day. While this was not binding on the heads of departments, who have a right to use their own judgment in hiring labor so long as they keep within their appropriations, the practical effect of it was to make \$5 per day a fixed rate. We have not recommended that the wages of regular town employees be cut this year, but as some departments hire more or less extra labor at times, and as \$5 is in excess of that paid by a number of other cities and towns, we believe it would be well to rescind this resolution.

There are articles in the warrant this year calling for an expenditure totalling \$28,000 for constructing culverts over portions of brooks. Some

of these are matters of convenience and one is a matter of necessity. In any event the town cannot undertake to do them in any one year, and in recommending an additional appropriation of \$5,300 for extending the Stacey Brook culvert from New Ocean street to the Lynn line near Eastern avenue, we feel we have gone as far as is justified for 1923.

In the way of permanent street construction we have recommended rebuilding Essex street to the Salem line, half the cost to be shared by the State and County, the town's expense to be \$24,000.

There is a possibility that the town may have to refund a portion of the national bank tax distributed to it by the State, which according to a court decision has been illegally assessed. The assessors estimate that the amount to be refunded may run as high as \$100,000. This will not come up this year, and is not yet a certainty, but is something that may have to be faced.

We recommend a transfer of \$24,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund of the town, and of \$3,847.11 from Reserve from Overlay, the amounts so transferred to be credited to current revenue for the year 1923.

Article 3—To hear and act on the reports of: Town Clerk, School Committee, Captain of Police, Board of Fire Engineers, Board of Assessors, Town Engineer, Forest Warden, Superintendent of Moth Work, Tree Warden, Treasurer's Report, Trust Funds Commissioners, Superintendent of Cemetery, Building Inspector, Trustees of Public Library, Library Building Committee, Board of Health, Health Officer, Health Nurse, Milk Inspector, Inspector of Plumbing, Park Commissioners, Surveyor of Highways, Water and Sewerage Board, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Addition to Palmer School, Overseers of the Poor, Dog Officer, Fourth of July Committee, Collector of Taxes, Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant's Report, Finance Committee.

Such portions of the above reports as call for appropriation of money are set forth separately under later articles in the warrant and we recommend that they be so taken up.

Article 4—To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

We recommend that the bond required of the Town Treasurer for the ensuing year be in the sum of \$30,000.

Article 5—To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

We recommend that the bond required of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year be in the sum of \$20,000.

Article 6—To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Water and Sewerage Board for the ensuing year.

We recommend that the bonds required of the Water and Sewerage Board for the ensuing year be in the sum of \$6,000 for each member.

Article 7—To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

We recommend that the bond required of the Town Clerk for the ensuing year be in the sum of \$1,000.

Article 8—To see what action the town will take in relation to salaries of town officials for the ensuing year.

We recommend that salaries of town officials remain the same as of last year.

Article 10—To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the School Committee, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on pages 87 and 94.

There being no recommendations by the School Committee on pages 87 and 94 calling for an appropriation of money, we make no report under this article. The school budget is taken up under Article 17.

Article 11—To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Captain of Police, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on pages 108 and 109.

We recommend that the matters referred to under this article be taken up under Article 17.

Article 12—To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Board of Fire Engineers, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on pages 111, 112 and 113.

We recommend that the matters referred to under this article be taken up under Article 17.

Article 13—To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Board of Health, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on pages 145 and 149.

With reference to the matters on pages 145 and 149, we recommend that the question of a dental clinic be indefinitely postponed. We recommend that the question of extending the sewer on Mountain avenue under Article 43 and that the other matters be taken up under Article 17.

Article 14—To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Park Commissioners, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on pages 155 and 156.

With regard to improving the easterly end of Blaney Beach Reservation opposite Orient court, we recommend that the grounds in question be cleared of rubbish and that the Park Board endeavor to prevent the same from being used as a dumping and storage place; that the town way leading from Puritan road to said reservation be made more passable; that the fence be repaired and painted where necessary and a board barrier be placed at one or two places where necessary to prevent sand blowing; and that the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) be appropriated for the foregoing. We also recommend that the drain leading from Orient court to the easterly end of said town way be discontinued and the drainage at this point be carried to the cement culvert. This would be done by the Street Department.

With reference to the other matters on pages 155 and 156, we recommend that they be taken up under Article 17.

Article 15—To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Surveyor of Highways, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on page 160.

We recommend that the matters on page 160 be taken up under Articles 25, 27 and 28.

Article 16—To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Water and Sewerage Board, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on pages 161, 168 and 170.

The recommendation on page 161 for fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for replacement of certain water mains has been placed in the warrant for a special meeting and is reported thereunder.

We recommend that the unexpended balances from appropriations from water mains on Morton road, Francis road, Lawrence terrace, Elmwood road, Bradlee avenue and Franklin avenue, amounting in all to \$974.65, be transferred to the Water Emergency Fund.

With reference to the matters on page 168, we recommend that the unexpended balance from the amount appropriated in 1922 for construction of the Cherry street sewer, said balance amounting to \$1,433.81, and the unexpended balance from the Hillcrest circle sewer, said balance amounting to \$44.89, be transferred to the Sewer Emergency Fund, to be used by the Water and Sewerage Board, so far as practical, in construction of sewers voted by the town in any year where the amount appropriated is less than the cost, or for such other purposes as the town may at any time vote.

We recommend that the other matters on page 168 be taken up under Article 17.

As to the matters on page 170, they are set forth in later articles of

the warrant, and we recommend that they be so taken up.

Article 17—To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Board of Selectmen, as contained in the Annual Report, dated December 31, 1922, on pages 188, 189, 192, 193, 195, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203 and 204.

With reference to the matter of rebuilding Essex street, referred to on page 192, during the past year the Board of Selectmen and others have taken the matter up with the State and County authorities and we understand that they are willing to share a part of the expense. We recommend that Essex street be reconstructed with cement from the end of the cement road near the freight station to the Salem line and that for the town's share of the expense the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) be appropriated therefor to be raised by notes or bonds of the town, upon condition, however, that the Division of Highways on behalf of the Commonwealth, and the County Commissioners on behalf of the County of Essex, each contribute one-fourth of the expense thereof, the work to be done in accordance with specifications approved by the Division of Highways.

With reference to the matter of extension of Stacey Brook culvert, referred to on page 195, we would say that in view of the fact that this brook contains sewage in times of heavy rains, and that such sewage comes from the overflow of the Lynn sewerage system on such occasions, and as the same is declared by the Board of Health to be a menace to public health, and as the Town of Swampscott and the City of Lynn have jointly borne the expense of building a culvert over this brook, as far as New Ocean street, we recommend that the town construct jointly with the City of Lynn a concrete culvert over Stacey Brook from the end of the present culvert at New Ocean street northerly, a distance of about 570 feet to the Lynn culvert, the total expense not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), said expense to be borne equally between the Town of Swampscott and the City of Lynn, and that for the town's share of said expense the unexpended balance from the 1922 Stacey Brook Construction Fund, which balance amounts to \$4,771.16, be used and in addition thereto that the town appropriate the sum of five thousand (\$5,000), to be raised by notes or bonds of the town; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into a contract jointly with the City of Lynn for the carrying out of the purposes of this contract, proper waivers from owners of property upon or through which said work is to be done to be first obtained, if in the opinion of said Board the same are necessary for the protection of the town. We understand that this will end the Stacey Brook question at least for the present.

With reference to the other matters on pages 188, 189, 192, 193, 195, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, we recommend the appropriation of the following amounts for the several town departments and for the other specific purposes as set forth below:

General Government

Legislative	\$ 300 00
Selectmen	2,200 00
Accountant	2,000 00
Treasurer	1,320 00
Printing, certification and advertising	500 00
Collector of Taxes	3,100 00
Assessors	3,125 00
Town Clerk	700 00
Law	1,000 00
Election and Registration	875 00
Engineering	5,775 00
Town Hall	3,000 00

Protection of Life and Property

Police Department	\$26,281 00
Fire—General	26,700 00
Fire—Special, Hydrant rental	1,000 00
Three new boxes	480 00
Hose wagon and service car	500 00
Horses	427 33
Sealer	530 00
Moth Department	4,500 00
Tree Warden	1,485 00
Forest Warden	200 00
Dog Officer	150 00
Building Inspector	450 00

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	\$ 6,850 00
Health Nurse	1,250 00
Refuse, Garbage and Night Soil	10,000 00
Cleaning Beaches	691 00
Sewers, Maintenance	8,200 00
Care of Brooks	500 00
Particular Sewers	500 00

Highways and Bridges

Administration	\$ 2,500 00
Repairs, Equipment and Maintenance	39,500 00
Snow Removal	20,373 21
Sidewalks and Curbing	1,500 00
Street Construction	2,000 00
Watering and Oiling	5,000 00
Seal Coating	2,500 00
Continuous Sidewalks	2,500 00
Street Lighting	17,000 00

Charities and Soldiers' Relief

Poor Department	\$6,500 00
State Aid	1,500 00
Soldiers' Relief	3,800 00
Pensions	3,750 00
Military Aid	500 00

Education

Schools	\$135,463 00
Libraries	5,800 00

Recreation

Administration, Care and Improvement of Parks	\$7,500 00
Metropolitan Park Assessment	7,000 00

Cemetery

Cemetery	\$3,000 00
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Unclassified

Town Reports	\$1,329 30
Memorial Day	300 00
Fourth of July Committee	500 00

Insurance Premiums	1,300 00
Trust Fund Commissioners	40 00
District Nurse	300 00
Firemen's Memorial	200 00
Heating and Lighting Hall on Pine Street	300 00
Painting and Repairing Pine Street Building	800 00
Reserve Fund	2,500 00
Armistice Day	200 00
Soldiers' Exemption	50 00

Interest

Temporary Loans	\$ 9,500 00
General Debt	15,602 25
Sewer Bonds	9,602 50
Metropolitan Park	3,400 00

Municipal Debt

General Debt	\$52,000 00
Sewer Bonds	17,150 00
Metropolitan Park	700 00

Agency

State Tax	\$35,000 00
County Tax	30,000 00
State Enterprises	1,500 00
Essex County Sanatorium	3,797 61

Article 18—To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of nine hundred dollars to permit the School Committee to give "instruction in the use of English for adults unable to speak, read or write the same, and in the fundamental principles of government and other subjects adapted to fit for American citizenship," in accordance with the provisions of Sections 9 and 10 of Chapter 69 of the General Laws and Acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

We recommend that the town appropriate the sum of \$900 to be expended by the School Committee for the purpose set forth in this article.

Article 19—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by right of eminent domain for public school purposes, and appropriate money for the same, a certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows:—

Beginning at a point at the southeast corner of the Hadley School lot; thence northerly for a distance of about one hundred two feet; thence easterly for a distance of about sixty-nine feet; thence southerly for a distance of about one hundred two feet to the northerly side of Redington street; thence westerly along said street to the point of beginning and also another parcel of land for public school purposes bounded and described as follows:—

Beginning at a point at the northwesterly corner of the above described lot; thence northerly for a distance of fifty-one feet; thence easterly for a distance of sixty-nine feet; thence southerly for a distance of fifty-one feet; thence westerly along the above described lot for a distance of sixty-nine feet to the point of beginning.

The two lots in question adjoin the Hadley School. The first lot is owned by the First Methodist Church and consists of 7,085 square feet of land with the church building on same. The second lot belongs to Isaac W. Chick, is in the rear of the first lot, apparently has a right of way over the first lot, and consists of 3,641 square feet of land with a small cottage on same. Having in mind that more school room may soon be needed in the center of the town and that this might well be provided by an addition to the Hadley

School, we are in favor of the town acquiring these two pieces of property if it can be done at a reasonable expense. The trustees of the church property have offered to sell the same for \$6,000, but, in our opinion, this is more than should be paid. The assessed value of the rear lot is \$1,725. The other lot is not assessed. The front land adjoining the same is assessed at about 20 cents per foot. Under General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 14, in purchasing land for municipal purposes, the town cannot pay in excess of twenty-five per cent over the assessed value. Unless a price within the statute is agreed to the value is determined by legal proceedings. We recommend that the Selectmen be authorized to take by right of eminent domain for school purposes the premises described in Article 19 and that the sum of \$6,000 be appropriated therefor to be raised by notes or bonds of the town.

In case the property is taken, we are advised that the School Board has in mind using the church building for gymnasium classes from the Hadley School and has already used the same to a limited extent. Accordingly, we requested an inspection of the building to be made by Harold G. McCann, District Inspector for the Department of Public Safety of the State, who reported:

"In my opinion present egress from the auditorium is inadequate in that it is all located at one end. Approved hardware will be required for all doors used for exits. If this building is to be used to any great extent, the supervisor may require proper ventilation and sanitarities."

Mr. McCann advises that it could be used for gymnasium classes provided suitable alterations were made as indicated, plans for such alterations to be filed at the State House. The question of what shall be done with the building, which is no longer used by the church, is not before us in this article and we have not undertaken to express an opinion on whether it should be torn down. But in its present condition it is questionable whether school children should use it.

Article 20—To see if the town will vote to place a fire alarm box at the junction of Sheridan and Elmwood roads and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

We recommend that the town place a fire alarm box at the junction of Sheridan and Elmwood roads for the sum of \$225, to be appropriated therefor.

Article 21—To see if the town will vote to transfer from Excess and Deficiency the sum of three thousand five hundred forty-one dollars and fifty-nine cents overdrawn appropriations, and carried forward to 1923 by authority of the Department of Corporations, Division of Accounts.

The overdrawn appropriations are as follows:

Certification of Notes and Bonds	\$ 260 50
Special Assessments abated	15 14
Election and Registration	632 07
Police	1,281 06
Forest Warden	163 66
Refuse and Garbage	330 38
Poor	222 98
Interest on Loans in Anticipation of Revenue	500 07
Interest on Sewer Bonds	05
General Debt	100 00
Refunds	33 68

\$3,541 59

We recommend that the town transfer from Excess and Deficiency the sum of \$3,541.59 to care for the same. We would also call attention to the fact that in addition to overdrawn appropriations, bills to the extent of \$2,049.20 were left unpaid at the end of the year as shown by page 241 of the Town Report. Some of the overdrawn appropriations and unpaid bills were doubtless necessary, but we do not believe they all were. As pointed out by the State Examiner, on page 247 of the Town Report, the

departments have no right to spend more than the sum appropriated by the town, except in case of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons and property, and then only by two-thirds vote of the Selectmen. We believe that each department head should carefully figure his appropriation at the beginning of the year with a view to keeping within same.

Article 22—To see if the town will accept the bequest under the will of Mrs. Ellen E. Andrews, as follows:

"All the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal, of which I shall die seized and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my death, to be paid to the Town of Swampscott for the purpose of erecting a Memorial Chapel in said cemetery in memory of my late husband, Isaac H. Andrews, said Chapel to be named, 'The Andrews Memorial Chapel.' I desire that said Chapel be built either of light colored brick or of split stone, according to the remaining funds, the design of said Chapel to be chosen by said Augustine H. Rich, and I desire that my piano be placed in said Chapel and kept covered when not in use. It is my wish that only the five persons whose names are on the monument on said lot shall be buried there, and as each person passes away the year to be cut in the stone."

We are informed by the executors of the estate that the amount available under this bequest will be between twenty-nine thousand (\$29,000) dollars and thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars. The design of said chapel has not yet been chosen. We do not know whether a suitable chapel could be erected within the amount available. This ought to be determined with reasonable certainty. We recommend that the town accept said bequest under said will and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to erect a chapel as therein set forth, provided and upon the condition, however, that upon a design being chosen by said Augustine H. Rich and upon specifications being made and bids called for, bids are received from responsible persons and the Board of Selectmen thereupon determine that such chapel can be erected complete, including any and all heating, ventilating, lighting, seating, grading or any other equipment or fixtures that may be necessary and including all architect's fees or other expense in connection with such erection, within the amount available under said bequest; and provided that no work shall be done by the town or contract made until said money has been paid over to it; and that in case the Board of Selectmen then determine that said chapel complete and fully equipped cannot be erected within the amount so available that they thereupon report the matter again to the town to see what further or other action the town will take. This recommendation and the vote thereon shall in no way authorize said Rich to bind the town, engage architects or agents in its behalf, create indebtedness against it, or act as its agent.

Article 23—To see if the town will accept the bequest under the will of Mrs. Ellen E. Andrews, as follows:—

"I direct that my Executors hereinafter named shall pay one hundred and fifty dollars to the Town of Swampscott, for the care of the monument and urn on my cemetery lot No. 455 in said Swampscott, the same to be kept clean and when repaired to be done in a workmanlike manner; and to purchase a new urn when necessary and place flowers on said lot during each year. This sum is in addition to the sum already paid to said Town of Swampscott for the perpetual care of said lot."

We are advised that the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) is not sufficient to comply with the provisions of this bequest, and accordingly we recommend that the bequest be not accepted.

Article 24—To see if the town will vote to lay a six-inch (6") water main in Sherwood street, Bond street and Fuller avenue for a distance of about twelve hundred feet (1200') and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Frank H. Van Blarcom, *et als*.

We recommend that a six-inch water main be laid in Sherwood street, Bond street and Fuller avenue for a distance of about 1200 feet, and that

the sum of \$4,000 be appropriated therefor to be raised by notes or bonds of the town, interest at the rate of six per cent. to be paid on the investment until the water rates of the users are equal to the interest thereon, proper waivers to be obtained from abutters, if in the judgment of the Water and Sewerage Board waivers are necessary for the protection of the town.

Article 25—To see if the town will vote to purchase a fourteen-ton road roller with scarifier, and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Surveyor of Highways.

The present road roller has been in use for twenty years, and examination of the same by experts indicates that to endeavor to repair it would be a waste of money. We recommend that the Surveyor of Highways be authorized to purchase a fourteen-ton road roller with scarifier and to dispose of the present road roller, in exchange or otherwise, and that the sum of fifty-three hundred dollars (\$5300) be appropriated therefor.

Article 26—To see if the town will vote to place street signs on the different streets of the town, and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) for the same, as recommended by the Surveyor of Highways.

On account of the extra expense already provided for in this department for the present year, we recommend that action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 27—To see if the town will vote to curb and build a sidewalk on the north side of Humphrey street from Phillips Beach station to Forest avenue for a distance of about twelve hundred feet (1200') and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Surveyor of Highways.

We recommend that the town build a curb on the north side of Humphrey street from Phillips Beach station to Forest avenue for a distance of about twelve hundred feet (1200'), and that the sum of twenty-nine hundred dollars (\$2900) be appropriated therefor, waivers from abutters first to be obtained.

Article 28—To see if the town will vote to purchase sidewalk plows and road machines for the Highway Department and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) for the same, as recommended by the Surveyor of Highways.

We recommend that the Surveyor of Highways be authorized to purchase plows and road machines for the Highway Department and that the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) be appropriated therefor.

Article 29—To see if the town will vote to accept Valley road as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated December, 1922, and appropriate money for the same.

We recommend that the town accept Valley road as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, and that the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) be appropriated therefor.

Article 30—To see if the town will vote to accept Mountwood road as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated December, 1922, and appropriate money for the same.

We recommend that action on this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 31—To see if the town will vote to accept Roy street as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated December, 1922, and appropriate money for the same.

We recommend that the town accept Roy street as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, and that the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) be appropriated therefor.

Article 32—To see if the town will vote to accept that portion of private way known as Burpee road, and all of the private way known as Bertha street, and to be known as Burpee road, as laid out on a plan drawn by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated February, 1921, and appropriate money for the same.

We recommend that the private way known as Burpee road, and the

private way known as Bertha street, as laid out on plan drawn by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated February, 1921, be accepted and the sum of \$5,200 be appropriated therefor, provided and upon condition that such acceptance shall take effect and such appropriation be expended only in case, within 90 days from the date of this vote, the Board of Selectmen call for and receive a bid or bids for the construction of a suitable roadway for the entire length of said Burpee road and Bertha street at an expense not to exceed \$5,200, and enter into a contract therefor, and that proper waivers are signed by abutters.

Article 33—To see if the town will vote to accept Phillips circle as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated December, 1922, and appropriate money for the same.

We recommend that the town accept Phillips circle as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, that the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) be appropriated therefor, proper waivers first to be obtained from abutters.

Article 34—To see if the town will vote to accept Bradlee avenue as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated January, 1923, and appropriate money for the same.

We recommend that the town accept Bradlee avenue as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, and that the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) be appropriated therefor.

Article 35—To see if the town will vote to accept Palmer avenue, so-called, from Humphrey street to its intersection with Orchard road, and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Arthur C. Lewis and others.

We recommend that the town accept Palmer avenue, so-called, from Humphrey street to Orchard road, provided said way be made to conform to the plan filed with the town and that the Town Engineer so certify.

Article 36—To see if the town will vote to accept Orchard road, so-called, from Humphrey street to its intersection with Palmer avenue, and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Arthur C. Lewis and others.

We recommend that the town accept Orchard road, so-called, from Palmer avenue to Humphrey street, provided said way is made to conform to the plan filed with the town and that the Town Engineer so certify.

Article 37—To see if the town will vote to enclose in a cement culvert a portion of Hawthorne brook from Salem street easterly for about six hundred fifty feet (650') and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The cost of this would be four thousand dollars (\$4,000). While it would be a convenience to the citizens living in this neighborhood, the town has a great deal of money to spend and we do not feel that the town should undertake it this year. We recommend that action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 38—To see if the town will vote to construct a culvert for a part of King's brook, extending from Stacey brook to Huron street, a distance of about five hundred feet (500'), in accordance with the plans prepared by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, and appropriate ninety-five hundred dollars (\$9500) for the same, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

We recommend that action under Article 38 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 39—To see if the town will vote to construct a culvert for a portion of King's brook extending from Cherry street to Essex street, a distance of about two hundred seventy feet (270'), in accordance with the plans prepared by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, and appropriate forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500) for the same, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The purpose of the culvert proposed by this article would seem to

be to prevent water accumulating in the vicinity of the playground off Essex street near the car barn property. We are informed by the Water and Sewerage Board that the situation probably can be taken care of by laying a drain pipe at the place in question at an expense of \$100, which expense can be paid from the Board's regular appropriation. We recommend that action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 40—To see if the town will vote to lay a sewer in Claremont terrace for a distance of three hundred feet (300') to connect with private sewer already laid across town's sewer easement to main sewer, and to appropriate money for the same; also to reimburse Fred M. Collins for a part of cost of said private sewer, as petitioned for by Stuart P. Ellis, *et als*.

We recommend that the town lay a sewer in Claremont terrace for a distance of 300 feet to connect with private sewer already laid across the town's sewer easement to the main sewer and that the owner of said private sewer be reimbursed for part of the cost of the same, and that the sum of \$425 be appropriated for the purpose of this article.

Article 41. To see if the town will vote to build a sewer in Humphrey street from the Palmer school to Palmer avenue, a distance of about 700 feet (700'), and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by William C. McNamara, *et als*.

We recommend that the town build a sewer in Humphrey street from the Palmer school to Palmer avenue, a distance of about 700 feet, and that the sum of \$6,100 be appropriated therefor, to be raised by notes or bonds of the town.

Article 42—To see if the town will appropriate the sum of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800) for the purpose of extending the present sewer at the corner of Palmer avenue and Humphrey street, a distance of two hundred fifty feet (250') east on Humphrey street, as petitioned for by Edward N. Carpenter, *et als*.

We recommend that the present sewer be extended from the corner of Palmer avenue and Humphrey street about 250 feet east on Humphrey street and that the sum of \$1,800 be appropriated therefor, to be raised by bonds or notes of the town.

Article 43—To see if the town will vote to extend the sewer in Mountain avenue a distance of two hundred seventy feet (270'), from Beach avenue, and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Board of Health.

We recommend that the sewer in Mountain avenue be extended a distance of about 270 feet from Beach avenue and the sum of \$1,200 be appropriated therefor to be raised by notes or bonds of the town.

Article 44—To see if the town will vote to sell to the E. R. Grabow Company, Inc., owners of the New Ocean House, an irregular strip of land, adjoining the property of that Company, on the southern extremity of the pumping station lot located on Humphrey street, belonging to the Town of Swampscott, containing approximately fifty-three hundred eighty square feet (5380 sq. ft.) of land, as shown on plan submitted. for the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500), as petitioned for by the Water and Sewerage Board.

We recommend that the town sell to E. R. Grabow Company, Inc., for the sum of \$500 the parcel of land described in this article, and that the Water and Sewerage Board be authorized to execute, acknowledge, and deliver a deed in conformance with this vote.

Article 48—To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to acquire suitable quarters for the use of the veterans of the various wars, as petitioned for by E. Stanley Flagg, *et als*.

The town has always allowed and encouraged patriotic organizations to have the use of portions of existing public buildings not actually required for the departments or business of the town. It is within the

town's rights to do this. For many years the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic has occupied quarters in the unused public school house on Pine street and the American Legion also had quarters here until last fall when, at the Legion's request, the Park Board provided the use of rooms on the second floor of the building known as the Fish House. The town has never undertaken, however, to purchase, erect or acquire a building for the purpose of affording quarters for any organization or group and, in addition to the question of whether it is advisable to do so, it seems to be settled and we are advised that the town can not legally appropriate or borrow money for this purpose.

We recommend that action on this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 49—To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) for the construction and enclosing of double tennis courts on Abbott park, as petitioned for by Arthur E. Willard, *et als*.

We recommend that action on this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 50—To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the purchase and installation of portable bleachers for Jackson and Phillips parks, as petitioned for by Robert W. Campbell, Jr., *et als*.

We recommend that action on this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 51—To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars (\$2200) for playground activities, including the purchase and installation of equipment, the same to be expended under the joint supervision of the Park Commissioners and the School Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217, Section 1, of the General Laws, as petitioned for by Arthur F. Bent, *et als*.

We recommend that action on this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 52—To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the celebration of the Fourth of July and to appoint a committee to have charge of the celebration, as petitioned for by Alfred F. Frazier, *et als*.

We recommend that the sum of \$500 be appropriated for the purpose of this article.

HARRY D. LINSKOTT, *Chairman*,
JOHN A. HOLMES, *Secretary*,
BENJAMIN B. BLANCHARD,
WILL B. ANDERSON,
ARTHUR M. WYMAN,
FRANK A. PAYNE,

Finance Committee.

General Government

	1922		1923	
	Appropriated	Expended	Asked	Recommended
Legislative	\$ 400 00	\$ 271 20	\$ 400 00	\$ 300 00
Selectmen	2,160 00	2,154 34	2,200 00	2,200 00
Accountant	2,000 00	1,981 34	2,000 00	2,000 00
Treasurer	1,175 00	1,174 75	1,320 00	1,320 00
Collector of Taxes	2,471 93	2,471 93	3,100 00	3,100 00
Assessors	3,125 00	2,970 40	3,125 00	3,125 00
Printing and Certification of Notes	300 00	560 50	500 00	500 00
Town Clerk	100 00 } 600 00 }	589 57	802 00	700 00
Law	1,000 00	965 55	1,000 00	1,000 00
Election and Registration	1,200 00	1,832 07	875 00	875 00
Engineering	6,035 00	6,030 73	5,775 00	5,775 00
Town Hall	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00

Protection of Life and Property

	1922		1923	
	Appropriated	Expended	Asked	Recommended
Police	\$25,000 00	\$26,281 06	\$29,585 00	\$26,281 00
Fire	26,690 00	26,690 00	26,700 00	26,700 00
Hydrant Rental . . . . .	.....	.....	1,000 00	1,000 00
3 Alarm Boxes . . . . .	.....	.....	480 00	480 00
Hose Wagon . . . . .	.....	.....	1,150 00	500 00
Punch Register . . . . .	.....	.....	185 00	.....
Horses—Snow . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	427 33
Sealer of Weights and Measures	455 00	472 82	530 00	530 00
Moth	5,000 00	4,998 82	5,000 00	4,500 00
Tree Warden	1,485 00	1,483 16	1,750 00	1,485 00
Forest Warden	100 00	263 66	200 00	200 00
Dog Officer	150 00	147 00	200 00	150 00
Building Inspector	450 00	450 00	550 00	450 00

Health and Sanitation

Health	\$4,661 25	\$ 4,659 22	\$ 7,025 00	\$ 6,850 00
Nurse	1,114 00	1,080 00	1,250 00	1,250 00
Garbage—Ashes—Night Soil	9,000 00	10,021 38	10,321 38	10,000 00
Cleaning Beaches	691 00	952 20	991 00	691 00
Sewers—Maintenance and Operation	8,200 00	7,740 21	8,200 00	8,200 00
Particular Sewers	500 00	500 56	500 00	500 00
Brooks	500 00	127 03	500 00	500 00

Highways and Bridges

	1922	1923
	Appropriated	Asked Recommended
Administration	\$ 2,500 00	\$ 2,500 00
Repairs, Equipment and Maintenance	36,350 00	39,500 00
Snow Removal	5,000 00	15,000 00
Sidewalk and Curbing	3,000 00	20,373 21
Street Construction	2,000 00	3,000 00
Water and Oiling	5,000 00	2,500 00
Seal Coating	2,500 00	5,000 00
Continuous Sidewalks	5,036 13	2,500 00
Street Lights	19,500 00	5,000 00
Extra—Roller	.....	17,000 00
Snow Plows	.....	5,300 00
Street Signs	.....	1,500 00
	.....	1,500 00

Charities and Soldiers' Relief

Poor	\$6,500 00	\$6,500 00
State Aid	1,700 00	1,500 00
Soldiers' Relief	6,000 00	3,800 00
Military Aid	1,000 00	500 00
Pensions	3,000 00	3,750 00

Education

Schools	\$130,000 00	\$136,963 00
Library	5,800 00	5,800 00
		\$135,463 00
		5,800 00

Recreation

	1922	1923
	Appropriated	Asked Recommended
Parks	\$5,600 00	\$8,900 00
Metropolitan Park	7,000 00	7,000 00
		\$7,500 00
		7,000 00

Cemetery

Cemetery	\$3,025 00	\$3,015 60	\$3,000 00
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Unclassified

Town Reports	\$1,218 58	\$1,218 58	\$1,500 00	\$1,329 30
Memorial Day	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
4th of July Committee	1,000 00	985 90	.....	500 00
Insurance Premiums	2,000 00	1,647 50	1,300 00	1,300 00
Trust Fund Commissioners	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
District Nurse	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Firemen's Memorial	200 00	187 25	200 00	200 00
Heat and Light, G. A. R. Hall	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00
Reserve Fund	2,500 00	2,500 00	3,500 00	2,500 00
Armistice Day . . . . .	.....	.....	200 00	200 00
Soldiers' Exemption . . . . .	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
Pine Street Building Repairs . . . . .	.....	.....	1,000 00	800 00

Special Articles

	1922		1923	
	Appropriated	Expended	Asked	Recommended
Americanization Classes	\$ 900 00
Fire Alarm Box	225 00
Humphrey Street Curbing	2,900 00
Valley Road Acceptance	300 00
Roy Street Acceptance	300 00
Burpee Road Acceptance	5,200 00
Phillips Circle Acceptance	300 00
Bradlee Avenue Acceptance	500 00
Claremont Terrace Sewer	425 00

Bonded Articles

	Expended	Recommended
Essex Street Resurfacing	\$24,000 00
Stacey Brook Culvert	5,300 00
Redington Street Taking	6,000 00
Humphrey Street Sewer	6,100 00
Extension of Palmer Avenue Sewer	1,800 00
Mountain Avenue Sewer	1,300 00

Voted to take up Articles 4 to 8 inclusive.

Voted, as recommended by the Finance Committee, be accepted and adopted as follows: Article 4, to require of the Town Treasurer a bond of \$30,000; Article 5, to require of the Collector of Taxes a bond of \$20,000; Article 6, to require of each member of the Water and Sewerage Board, a bond of \$6,000; Article 7, to require of the Town Clerk a bond of \$1,000; Article 8, that the salaries of town officials remain the same as last year.

Voted, that Articles 10, 11, 12 and 13 be taken up together under Article 17, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted, Article 14. That the report of the Finance Committee be accepted and the recommendations be adopted as follows: That the grounds at the easterly end of Blaney's Beach Reservation, opposite Orient court, be cleared of rubbish, and the Park Board endeavor to prevent the same from being a dumping and storage place; that the town way leading from Puritan road to said reservation be made more passable, the fence repaired and painted where necessary and a board barrier be placed at one or two places where necessary to prevent sand blowing, and that the sum of \$100 be appropriated for the foregoing; that the drain leading from Orient court to the easterly end of said town way be discontinued, and the drainage at this point be carried to the cement culvert.

Voted, Article 15 be taken up under Article 28, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted, Article 16. That the report of the Finance Committee be accepted and the several recommendations be adopted as follows: That the unexpended balances from appropriations from water mains on Morton and Francis roads, Lawrence terrace, Elmwood road, Bradlee and Franklin avenues, amounting in all to \$974.65, be transferred to the Water Emergency Fund; that the unexpended balance from the amount appropriated in 1922 for construction of the Cherry street sewer, said balance amounting to \$1,433.81, the unexpended balance from Hillcrest circle sewer, said balance amounting to \$44.89, be transferred to the Sewer Emergency Fund, to be used by the Water and Sewerage Board, so far as practical, in construction of sewers voted by the town in any year where the amount appropriated is less than the cost, or for such other purposes as the town may vote.

Voted, Article 17. To accept the report and adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows: That Essex street be reconstructed with cement from the end of the cement road near the freight station to the Salem line, and that for the town's share of the expense the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) be appropriated therefor, to be raised by votes or bonds of the town, upon condition, however, that the Division of Highways on behalf of the Commonwealth and the County Commissioners on behalf of the County of Essex, each contribute one-fourth of the expense therefor, the work to be done in accordance with specifications approved by the Division of Highways. (Unanimous.)

Voted, Article 17, 2nd section. To accept the report and adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows: That the town construct jointly with the City of Lynn, a concrete culvert over Stacey brook, from the end of the present culvert, at New Ocean street, northerly, a distance of about 570 feet, to the Lynn culvert, the total expense not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), said expense to be borne equally between the Town of Swampscott and the City of Lynn, and that for the town's share of said expense the unexpended balance from the 1922 Stacey Brook Construction Fund, which amounts to \$4,771.16, be used and in addition thereto that the town appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars to be raised by notes or bonds of the town, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into a contract jointly with the City of Lynn for carrying out of the purposes of this contract, proper waivers from owners of property upon or through which said work is to be done to be first obtained, if in the opinion of said Board the same are necessary for the protection of the town. (Unanimous.)

Voted, Article 17, 3rd section. That the report of the Finance Committee be accepted and the recommendations be adopted as amended, appropriating the following amounts for the several town departments:

General Government

Legislative	\$ 300 00
Selectmen	2,200 00
Accountant	2,000 00
Treasurer	1,320 00
Printing, Certification and Advertising	500 00
Collector of Taxes	3,100 00
Assessors	3,125 00
Town Clerk	700 00
Law	1,000 00
Election and Registration	875 00
Engineering	5,775 00
Town Hall	3,000 00

Protection of Life and Property

Police Department	\$26,281 00
Fire—General	26,700 00
Fire—Special, hydrant rental	1,000 00
Three new boxes	480 00
Hose wagon and service car	500 00
Horses	427 33
Sealer	530 00
Moth Department	4,500 00
Tree Warden	1,485 00
Forest Warden	200 00
Dog Officer	150 00
Building Inspector	450 00

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	\$ 6,850 00
Health Nurse	1,250 00
Refuse, Garbage and Night Soil	10,000 00
Cleaning Beaches	691 00
Sewers—Maintenance	8,200 00
Care of Brooks	500 00
Particular Sewers	500 00

Highways and Bridges

Administration	\$ 2,500 00
Repairs, Equipment and Maintenance	39,500 00
Snow Removal	20,373 21
Sidewalks and Curbing	1,500 00
Street Construction	2,000 00
Watering and Oiling	5,000 00
Seal Coating	2,500 00
Continuous Sidewalks	2,500 00
Street Lighting	17,000 00

Charities and Soldiers' Relief

Poor Department	\$6,500 00
State Aid	1,500 00
Soldiers' Relief	3,800 00
Pensions	3,750 00
Military Aid	500 00

Education

Schools	\$135,463 00
Libraries	5,800 00

Recreation

Administration, Care and Improvement of Parks	\$7,500 00
Metropolitan Park Assessment	7,000 00

Cemetery

Cemetery	\$3,000 00
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Unclassified

Town Reports	\$1,329 30
Memorial Day	300 00
Fourth of July Committee	1,000 00
Insurance Premium	1,300 00
Trust Fund Commissioners	40 00
District Nurse	300 00
Firemen's Memorial	200 00
Heating and Lighting Hall on Pine Street	300 00
Painting and Repairing Pine Street Building	800 00
Reserve Fund	2,500 00
Armistice Day	200 00
Soldiers' Exemption	50 00

Interest

Temporary Loans	\$ 9,500 00
General Debt	15,602 25
Sewer Bonds	9,602 50
Metropolitan Park	3,400 00

Municipal Debt

General Debt	\$52,000 00
Sewer Bonds	17,150 00
Metropolitan Park	700 00

Agency

State Tax	\$35,000 00
County Tax	30,000 00
State Enterprises	1,500 00
Essex County Sanatorium	3,797 61

Voted, transfer of \$24,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund of the town, and of \$3,847.11 from Reserve from Overlay, the amounts so transferred to be credited to current revenue for the year 1923.

Voted, Article 18. The report of the Finance Committee be accepted and the recommendation be adopted; that the town appropriate the sum of \$900 to be expended by the School Committee for the purpose set forth in this article.

Voted, Article 19. The report of the Finance Committee be accepted and adopted as follows:—That the Selectmen be authorized to take by right of eminent domain for school purposes the premises described in Article 19, and that the sum of \$6,000 be appropriated therefor, to be raised by notes or bonds of the town. (Unanimous.)

Voted, Article 20. To accept the report and adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the town place a fire alarm box at the junction of Sheridan and Elmwood roads, and the sum of \$225 be appropriated for the same.

Voted, Article 21. To accept the report and adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee: That the town transfer from Excess and Deficiency the sum of \$3,541.59 to care for the overdrawn appropriations carried forward to 1923 by authority of the Department of Corporations, Division of Accounts.

Voted, Article 22. To accept the report and adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows: That the town accept said bequest under said will, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to erect a chapel as therein set forth, provided and upon the condition, however, that upon a design being chosen by said Augustine H. Rich and upon specifications being made and bids called for, bids are received from responsible persons and the Board of Selectmen thereupon determine that such chapel can be erected complete, including any and all heating, ventilating, lighting, seating, grading or any other equipment or fixtures that may be necessary, and including all architect's fees or other expense in connection with such erection, within the amount available under said bequest; and provided that no work shall be done by the town or contract made until said money has been paid over to it; and that in case the Board of Selectmen then determine that said chapel complete and fully equipped cannot be erected within the amount so available, that they thereupon report the matter again to the town to see what further or other action the town will take. This vote and recommendation thereon shall in no way authorize said Rich to bind the town, engage architects or agents in its behalf, create indebtedness against it, or act as its agent.

Voted, Article 23. To accept and adopt the report and recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the town not accept the bequest of \$150.

Voted, Article 24. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows: That a six-inch water main be laid in Sherwood street, Bond street and Fuller avenue for a distance of about 1,200 feet, and that the sum of \$4,000 be appropriated therefor, to be raised by notes or bonds of the town, interest at the rate of six per cent, to be paid on the investment until the water rates of the users are equal to the interest thereon, proper waivers to be obtained from abutters, if in the judgment of the Water and Sewerage Board waivers are necessary for the protection of the town. (Unanimous.)

Voted, Article 25. To accept the report and adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows: That the Surveyor of Highways be authorized to purchase a fourteen ton road roller with scarifier and to dispose of the present road roller, in exchange or otherwise, and that the sum of fifty-three hundred dollars (\$5300) be appropriated therefor. (Unanimous.)

Voted, Article 26. To indefinitely postpone action under this article as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted, Article 27. To accept the report and adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows:—That the town build a curb on the north side of Humphrey street, from Phillips Beach station to Forest avenue, for a distance of about twelve hundred (1200) feet, and that the sum of \$2,900 be appropriated therefor, waivers from abutters first to be obtained.

Voted, Article 28. To accept the report and adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee that the Surveyor of Highways be authorized to purchase plows and road machines for the Highway Department and that the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) be appropriated therefor.

Voted, Article 29. To accept the report and adopt the recommenda-

tions of the Finance Committee: That the town accept Valley road as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) therefor.

Voted, Article 30. That the town accept Mountwood road, as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated 1922, and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500) therefor when the proper waivers have been signed.

Voted, Article 31. To accept the report and adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee as follows: That the town accept Roy street as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated December, 1922, and appropriate three hundred dollars (\$300) for same, after the waivers have been signed.

Voted, Article 32. To accept the report and adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows: That the private way, known as Burpee road, and the private way, known as Bertha street, as laid out on a plan drawn by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated February, 1921, be accepted and the sum of \$5,200 be appropriated therefor, provided and upon condition that such acceptance shall take effect and such appropriation be expended only in case, within 90 days from the date of this vote, the Board of Selectmen call for and receive a bid or bids for the construction of a suitable roadway for the entire length of said Burpee road and Bertha street at an expense not to exceed \$5,200, and enter into a contract therefor, and that proper waivers are signed by abutters. (Unanimous.)

Voted, Article 33. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations, as follows: That the town accept Phillips Circle as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated December, 1922, and appropriate the sum of \$300 therefor, proper waivers first to be obtained from abutters.

Voted, Article 34. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations: That the town accept Bradlee avenue, as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) therefor, proper waivers to be first obtained from abutters.

Voted, Article 35. That the town accept Palmer avenue, so-called, from Humphrey street to Orchard road, when waivers have been signed.

Voted, Article 36. That the town accept Orchard road, from Palmer avenue to Humphrey street, after proper waivers have been signed.

Voted, Article 37. That action under this article be indefinitely postponed, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted, Article 38. That action under this article be indefinitely postponed, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted, Article 39. That action under this article be indefinitely postponed, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Voted, Article 40. To accept the report and adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows: That the town lay a sewer in Claremont terrace for a distance of 300 feet to connect private sewer already laid across the town's sewer easement to the main sewer, and that the owner of said private sewer be reimbursed for part of the cost of the same, and that the sum of \$425 be appropriated for same.

Voted, to take up Articles 41, 42 and 43 jointly.

Voted, to accept and adopt the reports and recommendations of Articles 41, 42, 43 jointly and severally by the Finance Committee.

Voted, Article 41. That the town build a sewer in Humphrey street, from the Palmer school to Palmer avenue, a distance of about 700 feet, and that the sum of \$6,000 be appropriated therefor, to be raised by notes or bonds of the town. (Unanimous.)

Voted, Article 42. That the town extend the present sewer from the corner of Palmer avenue and Humphrey street about 250 feet east on Humphrey street, and that the sum of \$1,800 be appropriated therefor, to

be raised by bonds or notes of the town, as recommended by the Finance Committee. (Unanimous).

Voted, Article 43. That the sewer in Mountain avenue be extended a distance of about 270 feet from Beach avenue, and the sum of \$1,200 be appropriated therefor, to be raised by notes or bonds of the town, as recommended by the Finance Committee. (Unanimous.)

Voted, Article 44. To accept the report and adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows: That the town sell to E. R. Grabow Company, Inc., for the sum of \$500, the parcel of land described in this article, and that the Water and Sewerage Board be authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver a deed in conformance with this vote.

Voted, Article 48. That action on this article be indefinitely postponed, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Fifteen voters requested that the matter of construction and enclosing of double tennis courts on Abbott Park, calling for an appropriation, be placed upon a ballot in accordance with the town by-laws, the question being: Shall the town appropriate \$1,200 for construction and enclosing double tennis courts on Abbott Park? The Finance committee recommended indefinite postponement of action under Article 49.

Fifteen voters requested that the matter of purchase and installation of portable bleachers for Jackson Park and Phillips Park, calling for an appropriation of \$2,000, be placed upon a ballot in accordance with the town by-laws, the question being: Shall the town appropriate \$2,000 for the purposes stated in Article 50? The Finance Committee recommended that action on this article be indefinitely postponed.

Fifteen voters requested that the matter of playground activities, including the purchase of equipment calling for an appropriation of \$2,200, be placed upon a ballot in accordance with the town by-laws, the question being: Shall the town appropriate \$2,200 for the purposes stated in Article 51? The Finance Committee recommended that action on this article be indefinitely postponed.

Voted, the committee appointed by the town at the adjourned meeting held February 20, 1923, in accordance with the recommendation of the Park Commissioners on pages 155 and 156 of the town report for the year ending December 31, 1922, to consider the matter of acquiring additional land adjacent to Jackson Park, be accepted as progress, and that the committee be continued in power, and be instructed to make a further report to the next special town meeting.

Voted, Article 52. That the Moderator appoint the Fourth of July Committee.

Voted, Article 55. For the purposes specified in Article 17, relating to the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen concerning the appropriation of \$24,000 for the reconstruction of Essex street to the Salem line, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed \$24,000, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor; said bonds or notes to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Selectmen, and shall be issued and payable in accordance with the provisions of Clause 7, of Section 7 and Section 19 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than ten years from the date of the issue of the first bond or note or at such earlier dates as the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, may determine; said bonds or notes shall be denominated on the face thereof "Essex Street Loan, 1923," and shall bear such rates of interest as may be fixed by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen; provided, however, that the adoption of this recommendation shall not become operative, and no money shall be borrowed thereunder until the Board of Selectmen are satisfied that one-fourth of the expense of said work shall be borne by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Division of Highways and one-fourth thereof by the County of Essex through the County Commissioners, and provided, further, that the work shall be done in accordance with specifications approved by the Division of Highways. (Unanimous.)

That for the purposes specified in Article 17, which relates to the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen that the town act jointly with the City of Lynn in building a concrete culvert over Stacey Brook, from the end of the present culvert northerly, a distance of about five hundred seventy feet to the Lynn culvert, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed five thousand dollars and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor; said bonds or notes to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Selectmen and shall be issued and payable in accordance with the provisions of Clause 1, of Section 7 and of Section 19 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than thirty years from the date of the issue of the first bond or note, or at such earlier dates as the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, may determine. Said bonds or notes shall be denominated on the face thereof "Stacey Brook Culvert, 1923," and shall bear such rates of interest as may be fixed by the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen; provided, however, that this recommendation shall not become operative and no money shall be borrowed thereunder until the Board of Selectmen has made a satisfactory arrangement with the City of Lynn, whereby said city shall bear one-half of the expense of the construction of said culvert. (Unanimous.)

That for the purposes specified in Article 19, which relates to the taking of certain land, with the buildings thereon, located in Redington street and owned by the trustees of the First Methodist Church, and the taking of another lot of land in the rear thereof owned by Isaac W. Chick, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed six thousand dollars, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor; said bonds or notes to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Selectmen and shall be issued and payable in accordance with the provisions of Clause 3, of Section 7 and Section 19 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of the issue of the first bond or note or at such earlier dates as the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, may determine. Said bonds or notes shall be denominated on the face thereof "Hadley School Loan 1923" and shall bear such rates of interest as may be fixed by the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen. (Unanimous.)

That for the purposes specified in Article 24, which relates to the appropriation of four thousand dollars for the laying of a six-inch water main in Sherwood street, Bond street and Fuller avenue, for a distance of about twelve hundred feet, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed four thousand dollars and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor; said bonds or notes to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Selectmen, and shall be issued and payable in accordance with the provisions of Section 19, of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and Chapter 155 of the Special Acts of 1916, as amended by Chapter 252 of the Acts of 1920, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than thirty years from the date of the issue of the first bond or note or at such earlier dates as the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, may determine. Said bonds or notes to be denominated on the face thereof "Swampscott Water Loan, Act of 1916," and shall bear such rates of interest as may be fixed by the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen. (Unanimous.)

That for the purposes specified in Articles 41, 42 and 43, which relate to the appropriation of six thousand dollars for the construction of a sewer in Humphrey Street from the Palmer School, so-called, to Palmer avenue for a distance of about seven hundred feet; eighteen hundred dollars for the purpose of extending the present sewer at the corner of Palmer avenue to Humphrey street for a distance of two hundred fifty feet east of Humphrey street, twelve hundred dollars for the purpose of extending the sewer in Mountain avenue for a distance of about six hundred seventy feet from Beach avenue, said appropriations aggregating nine thousand dollars, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select-

men, be authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed nine thousand dollars and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor; said bonds or notes to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Selectmen, and shall be issued and payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and of Chapter 278 of the Acts of 1920, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than thirty years from the date of the issue of the first bond or note or at such earlier dates as the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, may determine. Said bonds or notes to be denominated on the face thereof "Swampscott Sewerage Loan, Acts of 1920," and shall bear such rates of interest as may be fixed by the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen. (Unanimous.)

Voted to adopt the following resolutions:

Whereas:—The Public Utilities Commission for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has granted to the Eastern Street Railway Company the right to operate jitney busses in seventy-one cities and towns in the district, providing the same is confirmed by the said cities and towns.

Be it resolved:—

That no action be taken by the Town of Swampscott until a vote by ballot of its citizens shall either confirm or reject the proposition, if presented.

Voted, that a rising vote of thanks be tendered to the Finance Committee for their work for the past year.

Voted, that when we adjourn it be until Wednesday, April 11, current, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, in Town Hall, for the purpose of voting by ballot upon the several motions that have been so referred by this meeting in accordance with the provisions of the by-law, entitled "By-law to place motions on the ballot."

Voted to adjourn at 11 P. M.

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,

Town Clerk.

Adjourned Annual Town Meeting, April 11, 1923

In accordance with the adjournment of April 3rd the voters assembled on April 11, 1923, to vote by ballot under the by-laws on certain appropriations referred to the adjourned meeting.

The meeting was called to order at two o'clock P. M. by Daniel F. Knowlton, Moderator.

The following were appointed by the moderator to act as ballot clerks and tellers:—Paul M. Doane, Alice Shaw, Herman Story, George J. Place, E. Stanley Flagg, Frank G. Melvin, Fred Wallace, Alexander Wallace, Kate Hadley, Esther Freidman and Martha F. Duren.

The ballot box register was 822. There were 819 ballots cast, and the check list agreed with the number of ballots cast.

The following result of balloting was declared by the Town Clerk at 8.10 o'clock.

Question 1, subject, Article 49, appropriation of \$1,200 for double tennis courts.

Motion: Shall the town appropriate \$1,200 for the purposes stated in Article 49? Yes, 292; No, 518; Blanks, 9.

Question 2, subject, Article 50, appropriation of \$2,000 for the purchase and installation of portable bleachers.

Motion: Shall the town appropriate \$2,000 for the purposes stated in Article 50? Yes, 289; No, 518; Blanks, 12.

Question 3, subject, Article 51, appropriation of \$2,200 for playground activities.

Motion: Shall the town appropriate \$2,200 for the purposes stated in Article 51? Yes, 306; No, 502; Blanks, 11.

The Fourth of July Committee was appointed by Moderator Daniel F.

Knowlton as follows: Park Commissioners, George J. Place, Harry E. Cahoon, E. Stanley Flagg, Ralph H. Russell, same committee to act on advisability of constructing a landing stage at Blaney Beach and report at some meeting later.

Voted, to dissolve at 8.15 P. M.

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,
Town Clerk.

Committees Named

June 1, 1923.

The Moderator appointed William L. Quinn, Chief of Police, Weston K. Lewis, C. Sanford Doughty and H. Ashley Bowen, a committee to study and consider the advisability of installing the Gamewell system of telephones and red lights as a needed asset to the Police Department.

On committee of dividing the town into zones the Moderator appointed Martin L. Quinn, James W. Santry, Henry S. Baldwin, Clarence B. Humphrey, Ernest M. Folger, Hiram M. Rowell and James L. Taylor, this committee to report at the next annual town meeting.

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,
Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting for July 13, 1923

The following petition for a special town meeting was filed with Ralph D. Merritt, justice of the peace, on July 13, 1923:

Ralph D. Merritt,
Justice of the Peace,
Swampscott, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

We, the undersigned, comprising more than 100 registered voters of the Town of Swampscott, application having been made to the Selectmen by more than 100 registered voters of the town to call a special town meeting to act upon the subject hereinafter set forth, and the Board of Selectmen having unreasonably refused to call such special town meeting, request you, in accordance with Chapter 39, Section 12, of the General Laws, to call a special town meeting, for the purpose of acting on the following:—

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to purchase two (2) beacon lights similar to those removed from the corner of Burrill street and Paradise road and New Ocean street, and appropriate money for the same.

Article 2. To see if the town will instruct the chief of police to locate said lights approximately as previously placed, upon obtaining, if necessary, the consent of the Massachusetts Public Works Department, Highway Division.

Signed by: Coleman M. Wood, William H. Carroll, Stuart P. Ellis, Fred Wallace, Harry E. Cahoon and 100 more registered voters of the Town of Swampscott.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting, Tuesday, July 24, 1923

ESSEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Swampscott in said County.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Swampscott, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said Swampscott, on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of July, at 8.00 P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to purchase two (2) beacon lights similar to those removed from the corner of Burrill street and Paradise road and New Ocean street, and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Coleman M. Wood, *et als*.

Article 2. To see if the town will instruct the chief of police to locate said lights approximately as previously placed, upon obtaining, if necessary, the consent of the Massachusetts Public Works Department, Highway Division, as petitioned for by Coleman M. Wood, *et als*.

Article 3. To appropriate and raise, by borrowing or otherwise, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for any or all of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, post offices and three other public and conspicuous places in the town, seven days before the day appointed for said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under my hand this thirteenth day of July, A. D., 1923.

RALPH D. MERRITT,

Justice of the Peace.

My commission expires May 10, 1929.

A true copy. Attest:

FRANK H. BRADFORD, *Constable.*

Return on the Warrant

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified the legal voters of Swampscott by posting attested copies of said warrant at the Town Hall, post offices and three other public and conspicuous places in Swampscott on Monday, July 16, 1923, the posting of said notices being at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

FRANK H. BRADFORD,

Constable.

Special Town Meeting, July 24, 1923

In accordance with the warrant, the voters assembled at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, July 24, 1923.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by Daniel F. Knowlton, Moderator.

The warrant and return thereon was read by the Town Clerk.

The report of the Finance Committee on Article 1 was read by Harry D. Linscott, chairman.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

On Articles in Warrant for Special Town Meeting of July 24, 1923

Article 1. A difference of opinion exists between the Board of Selectmen and certain citizens as to the advisability of installing at the S curve, corner of Burrill street and Paradise road, two beacon lights, with concrete base, produced and sold by the American Gas Accumulator Company of Elizabeth, New Jersey, and introduced into town by the company's New England representative, Charles F. Post. The cost of purchasing and installing the lights is estimated at about \$300 each and the cost of maintenance, assuming they remain intact, at about \$18 a year each. The question of installing the lights has twice come before the

Board of Selectmen, once in 1922, and again recently, and on each occasion the board has voted against adopting them.

A majority of the Board of Selectmen are of the opinion that, however meritorious the lights may be elsewhere, because of their size, heavy base, the narrowness of the street, and for other reasons, including cost, they are not adaptable for the particular location in question and are actually dangerous to traffic. This view also seems to be held by the chief engineer of the Division of Highways of the Commonwealth, who may be regarded as an expert on the question of traffic lighting. Those citizens favoring the lights hold that these particular beacon lights are necessary and practical.

Whatever the merits of this difference, the fact is that under the laws by which the affairs of the town are administered the Board of Selectmen and not the citizens are the ones to determine whether traffic signals are needed at a particular spot and the type of traffic signals to approve. The Selectmen are not employees of the town. They are officials whose office and duties are provided by law and who have the responsibility and the right to perform the duties imposed upon them according to their best judgment. For misconduct they are answerable to law, and for their judgment they are answerable to the approval or disapproval of the voters at the annual election. But they are not subject to direct action of the voters on administrative details. Any action of the voters on the articles in the warrant would amount to little more than an expression of public opinion, in so far as a special meeting in July may represent the opinion of the town. While meetings for the purpose of passing resolutions or otherwise voicing an expression of public sentiment as a guide to town officials may sometimes be desirable, yet for the townspeople to try to assume themselves the direction of minor problems of the various departments, such as this, would only create confusion and, in our opinion, would tend to establish a precedent by means of which officials could dodge the responsibility which the law intends them to bear.

Besides the foregoing reasons, we also feel that after the budget is voted at the adjourned annual meeting in April it is not advisable to make additional appropriations except in cases of emergency, and that this is not one. Also, that if the Board of Selectmen should at any time determine that new traffic lights were needed at this point, attention ought not to be confined to this particular type of light, but that other kinds also should be investigated. At the hearing before our committee we were informed by the chairman of the Board that the Lynn Gas & Electric Company has offered to install electric traffic lights here free of charge, so that the only cost would be that of maintenance. This certainly deserves consideration. We accordingly recommend that action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 2. The foregoing article does not call for a recommendation by our committee.

Article 3. We recommend that action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

HARRY D. LINSKOTT,
JOHN A. HOLMES,
BENJ. B. BLANCHARD,
WILL B. ANDERSON,
FRANK H. PAYNE,
ARTHUR M. WYMAN,

Finance Committee.

Voted, Article 1. Not to accept the report of the Finance Committee, nor their recommendations. Fifteen voters requested that Article 1 be placed on the ballot, in accordance with the town by-laws.

Article 2. Fifteen voters requested that Article 2 be placed on the ballot, in accordance with the town by-laws.

Article 3. Fifteen voters requested that Article 3 be placed on the ballot, in accordance with the town by-laws.

Voted, that when we do adjourn it be to Wednesday, August 1, 1923, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, in Town Hall, for the purpose of voting by ballot upon the several motions that have been so referred by this meeting in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws, entitled "By-law to place motions on the ballot."

The chairman of the Board of Selectmen presented the following letter for the Town Clerk's records, to be a part of the records of this meeting.

July 24, 1923.

In response to an inquiry from the Board of Selectmen, the Town Counsel has stated in a written opinion to the Board that the placing of lights on any highway within the limits of the town constitutes an obstruction within the meaning of section 5 of chapter 9 of the by-laws and that, in accordance with the provisions thereof these lights cannot be placed upon any such highway without the permission of the Board of Selectmen in writing.

The Board of Selectmen, therefore, objects to any action by this meeting that does not contemplate obtaining such permission from said Board on the ground that such action by the town would be contrary to the provisions of the above by-law and therefore illegal.

The Board further requests that this objection be filed with the records of the meeting.

HENRY S. BALDWIN,
JULIUS A. ULMAN.

Selectmen.

Voted to adjourn at 9.05.

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,
Town Clerk.

Adjourned Special Town Meeting, August 1, 1923

In accordance with the adjournment of July 24, 1923, the voters assembled on August 1, 1923, to vote by ballot under the by-laws on certain appropriations referred to the adjourned meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Daniel F. Knowlton, Moderator, at 4 P. M.

The following were appointed to act as ballot clerks and tellers, and were qualified for same: Harry E. Cahoon, George J. Place, Fred C. Marsh, Herman E. Story, Frank G. Melvin, E. Stanley Flagg, William H. Gowell, John Finnigan, Ralph Maxwell, William Bergin, James T. Lyons and Martha F. Duren.

The ballot box registered 1180 votes. There were 1180 votes cast, and check lists agreed with number of ballots cast.

The following result of the balloting was declared by the Town Clerk at 9.25.

Question 1, subject, Article 1. To see if the town will vote to purchase two (2) beacon lights, similar to those removed from the corner of Burrill street and Paradise road, and New Ocean street.

Motion, Shall the town accept and adopt Article 1? Yes, 579; No, 571; Blanks, 30.

Question 2, subject, Article 2. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Chief of Police to locate said lights.

Motion, Shall the Town vote to instruct the Chief of Police as stated in Article 2? Yes, 602; No, 559; Blanks, 19.

Question 3, subject, Article 3. To appropriate and raise by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for any or all of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles.

Motion, Shall the town vote for the purposes as stated in Article 3? Yes, 592; No, 561; blanks, 27.

Voted to dissolve at 9.35 P. M.

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,
Town Clerk.

Appointments by Moderator

SWAMPSCOTT, MASS., Aug. 3, 1923.

John F. Luther was appointed by the Moderator to act on the committee of Gamewell system of telephone and red lights, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Weston K. Lewis.

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,
Town Clerk.

SWAMPSCOTT, MASS., August 31, 1923.

Henry A. Sadler, 61 Cherry street, was appointed a member of the Finance Committee for three years by the Moderator.

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,
Town Clerk.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting

Monday, September 10, 1923.

ESSEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Swampscott in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Swampscott qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall, in said Swampscott, on Monday, the tenth day of September, at 8 P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay its proportion of the cost of the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital as assessed upon the town under date of August 11, 1923, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow any or all of the said sum or take any action relative thereto that may be deemed advisable, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 78 to 91, inclusive, of Chapter III of the General Laws and Acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to rescind the vote passed under Article 19 of the warrant for the annual town meeting at the adjournment thereof held April 3, 1923, whereby the Board of Selectmen were authorized to take by right of eminent domain, for public school purposes, the premises described in said article.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to purchase or take by right of eminent domain, for public school purposes, and appropriate money therefor, a certain parcel of land hereinafter described, with the buildings thereon, or to take any action in the matter that may be deemed advisable, viz.: Beginning at a point at the southeast corner of the Hadley school lot; thence northerly for a distance of about one hundred two feet; thence easterly for a distance of about sixty-nine feet; thence southerly for a distance of about one hundred two feet to the northerly side of Redington street; thence westerly along said street to the point of beginning.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 391 of the Acts of 1923 entitled "An Act Relative to the Collection of Water Rates."

Article 5. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to dispose of the old horse drawn chemical engine now stored at the Phillips Beach chemical house and apply the proceeds to install chemical apparatus on the department service car.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Fire Engineers and the Chief of Police to purchase such uniforms as may be necessary for the permanent men of their respective departments, and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 7. To appropriate and raise, by borrowing or otherwise, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for any or all of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, post offices, and three other public and conspicuous places in the town, seven days before the day appointed for said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-ninth day of August, A. D., 1923.

HENRY S. BALDWIN,
FRANK E. MORRISON,

Selectmen of Swampscott.

A true copy. Attest:

FRANK H. BRADFORD, *Constable.*

Return on the Warrant

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified the legal voters of Swampscott by posting attested copies of said warrant at the Town Hall, post offices, and three other public and conspicuous places in Swampscott on Saturday, September 1, 1923, the posting of said notices being at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

FRANK H. BRADFORD,
Constable.

Special Town Meeting, September 10, 1923

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the voters assembled at the Town Hall on Monday evening, September 10, 1923, and were called to order at 8 P. M. by Daniel F. Knowlton, Moderator.

The warrant calling the meeting and the return thereon was read by the Town Clerk.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by Harry D. Linscott.

Report of the Finance Committee for Articles in the Warrant of the Special Town Meeting of September 10, 1923

Article 1. Since the calling of the special town meeting the County Commission has postponed assessment of the cost of the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital, with a view to making a final attempt to have the cost apportioned in such manner as to cause less hardship to the towns of Essex County. Unless the apportionment is changed the share that Swampscott will have to pay will be something over \$90,162. However, in view of the postponement by the County Commissioners no action under this article is necessary at present and we recommend that action thereunder be indefinitely postponed.

Article 2. We recommend that said vote passed under Article 19 of the warrant for the annual town meeting at the adjournment thereof April 3, 1923, whereby the Board of Selectmen was authorized to take by right of eminent domain for public school purposes the premises described in said article, be not rescinded.

Article 3. We recommend that action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 5. We recommend that action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 6. In the different cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth there is a variety of rates of pay for policemen and firemen and also quite a variation as to the custom of furnishing uniforms. The expense of a uniform per man runs to about \$70. The department heads point out that only one or two men need uniforms at present and accordingly the additional expense for 1923 would be slight and could be taken out of the regular departmental appropriation. But if the town voted to authorize that this be done it would, of course, mean that the custom of providing uniforms

for the policemen and firemen would become fixed upon the department as an additional permanent overhead expense. Policemen and firemen in Swampscott receive \$1800 a year, one day off in eight, two weeks' vacation with pay, and the benefit of a pension system. We believe they are well provided for and indeed the position seems to be generally regarded as a desirable one. It is true that the members have to purchase certain regulation clothing, but this is not confined to these particular departments. For example, regular members of the Highway Department are required to provide themselves with certain clothing to withstand inclement weather which they would not have to buy perhaps if they had different occupations. Of neighboring cities and towns, Nahant furnishes its patrolmen with summer uniforms, but not with their winter ones; but Nahant pays its patrolmen only \$1642 per year. Patrolmen in Saugus have the same pay as in Swampscott and are not furnished with uniforms. Patrolmen in Lynn are furnished with uniforms, but they do not receive \$1800 until they have served three years. In Salem the pay is the same as in Swampscott and the members buy their own uniforms. We do not believe that the Town of Swampscott should provide the uniforms in question, as we also feel that the time to place matters of this kind before the town is at a regular and not a special town meeting.

We recommend that action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 7. We recommend that action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

HARRY D. LINSOTT,
HENRY A. SADLER,
FRANK H. PAYNE,
BENJ. B. BLANCHARD,
WILL B. ANDERSON,
Finance Committee.

Voted, Article 1. That action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 2. Voted that the report and recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and adopted, that the town not rescind the vote passed under Article 19 of the warrant for the annual town meeting at the adjournment thereof held April 3, 1923.

Article 3. Voted to adopt the following resolution, that the Board of Selectmen make a taking under Article 3.

Voted to accept and adopt the report and recommendation of the Finance Committee that action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 4. Voted that action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 5. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to dispose of the horse drawn chemical engine, now stored at Phillips Beach Chemical House.

Article 6. Voted that the Finance Committee report be accepted and their recommendations be adopted, that action under this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 7. Voted to indefinitely postpone action under this article.

Voted to dissolve at 8.55 P. M.

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,
Town Clerk.

Named as Finance Committee

SWAMPSCOTT, MASS., December 14, 1923.

Daniel F. Knowlton, Moderator, appointed Maurice Yozell and Charles I. Porter on the Finance Committee for three years, to fill the places made vacant by Harry D. Linscott, whose term expired, and the resignation of Arthur M. Wyman, and James C. Soutter as member of same committee for one year, to fill the place made vacant by resignation of Frank A. Payne.

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,
Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Statistics

Births Recorded, 191

Males, 89; Females, 102.

In January, 20; February, 18; March, 23; April, 10; May, 17; June, 12; July, 20; August, 16; September, 11; October, 13; November, 18; December, 13.

Marriages Recorded, 126

In January, 3; February, 2; March, 5; April, 8; May, 5; June, 21; July, 8; August, 15; September, 23; October, 13; November, 17; December, 6.

Deaths Recorded, 108

Males, 51; Females, 57.

In January, 12; February, 7; March, 12; April, 11; May, 10; June, 8; July, 6; August, 11; September, 6; October, 6; November, 16; December, 3.

Dogs Licensed, 201

Males, 174; Females, 27.

Money paid to County Treasurer.

Lobster Fishermen's Licenses

Resident, 27 at \$1.00.

Gunners' Licenses

Resident, 75 at \$1.50; Non-Resident, 1 at \$1.50; Alien, 2 at \$15.00.

Fishermen's Licenses

Resident, 30 at \$1.00.

Fishing and Hunting, Combination Licenses

Resident, 27 at \$2.00.

Money paid to Commissioner of Fisheries and Game.

Other Licenses Issued

3 Junk dealers'	.	.	.	.	.	at \$75.00	\$225.00
1 Bowling alley	.	.	.	.	.	" 2.00	2.00
1 Pool table	.	.	.	.	.	" 2.00	2.00
1 Auctioneer's	.	.	.	.	.	" 2.00	2.00

Paid Town Treasurer. \$231.00

Attest: RALPH D. MERRITT,

Town Clerk.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Corporations and Taxation
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

OCTOBER 2, 1923.

To the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Henry S. Baldwin, Chairman, Swampscott, Massachusetts.

GENTLEMEN:—I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Swampscott for the period from January 1 to June 30, 1923, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 44, of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division, who was placed in charge of the work.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell, Director of Accounts, Department of Corporations and Taxation, State House, Boston.

SIR:—In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the accounts of the town of Swampscott for the period from January 1 to June 30, 1923, and report thereon as follows:

The books in the accountant's office were examined and checked, the reported receipts being compared with the treasurer's records as entered in his cash book. The payments were verified by checking to the approved warrants, the journal entries were checked to the ledger, and an analysis of the ledger was made, thus proving the general accuracy of the work. A trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared.

The accounts of the treasurer were examined, the receipts as recorded in the cash book being checked with the records of all departments collecting money for the town and the payments being checked to the warrants as approved by the selectmen.

The footings of the cash book were proved, and the cash on hand was verified by a reconciliation of the bank accounts as shown by the check books with the statements as furnished by the banks.

Debt and interest payments were checked to the records of payments made and with the cancelled bonds, notes and coupons on file.

The accounts as committed to the collector were examined and checked. The tax commitments were compared with the assessors' warrants and the water commitments with the department records.

The collections were checked to the cash book and all payments to the treasurer were verified by a comparison with the treasurer's records.

The abatements were checked to the records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved to the accountant's ledger. The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received I am satisfied that the accounts are correct.

The town clerk's records were examined. The appropriations, loan authorizations and transfers as voted by the town were listed and checked to the accountant's ledger.

The records of dog, hunting and fishing and miscellaneous licenses issued by the town clerk were examined, the fees received and payments to the State, the county and the town treasurer being checked to the records or verified by receipts on file.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures and the library and health departments were examined, and payments to the town were checked to the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

The books and accounts of the water department were examined.

The meter readings were checked to the charge cards and the charges were checked to the collector's commitments. As all charges are now committed to the collector, the payments and outstanding accounts are included in the audit of his accounts.

The surety bonds of the various town officials were examined and found to be in proper form.

The securities of the several funds were not examined at this time, but will be reported upon as usual at the end of the year.

Appended to this report are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and of the bank and coupon accounts, together with summaries of the tax, assessment, water and departmental accounts.

While engaged in making the audit, every courtesy was extended by the various officials, and I wish, on behalf of my assistant and myself, to express my thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON, *Chief Examiner.*

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH.

Cash on hand January 1, 1923:

General	\$37,736 73	
Water	8,330 35	
	<hr/>	\$46,067 08

Receipts January 1 to June 30, 1923:

General	\$331,172 67	
Water	34,932 20	
	<hr/>	366,104 87
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		\$412,171 95

Payments January 1 to June 30, 1923:

General	\$261,581 87	
Water	25,977 26	
	<hr/>	\$287,559 13

Cash on hand June 30, 1923:

General	\$107,327 53	
Water	17,285 29	
	<hr/>	124,612 82
		<hr/>
		\$412,171 95

Balances June 30, 1923:

Central National Bank,	\$5,325 99	
Security Trust Company	7,958 93	
Manufacturers National Bank	92,842 33	
Webster & Atlas Nat. Bank	1,200 28	
	<hr/>	\$107,327 53

Sagamore Trust Company

(Water)	\$12,285 29	
Webster & Atlas National Bank		
(Water)	5,000 00	
	<hr/>	17,285 29
		<hr/>
		\$124,612 82

Central National Bank.

Balance June 30, 1923, per bank statement		\$9,823 94
Balance June 30, 1923, per check book	\$5,325 99	
Outstanding checks, per list	4,497 95	
	<hr/>	\$9,823 94

Security Trust Company.

Balance June 30, 1923, per bank statement		\$12,205 00
Balance June 30, 1923, per check book	\$7,958 93	
Outstanding checks, per list	4,246 07	
	<hr/>	\$12,205 00

Manufacturers' National Bank.

Balance June 30, 1923, per bank statement		\$99,644 04
Balance June 30, 1923, per check book	\$92,842 33	
Outstanding checks, per list	6,801 71	
	<hr/>	\$99,644 04
		<hr/>

Webster & Atlas National Bank.

Balance June 30, 1923, per bank statement		\$2,240 28
Balance June 30, 1923, per check book	\$1,200 28	
Outstanding checks, per list	1,040 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,240 28
		<hr/>

Sagamore Trust Company.

Balance June 30, 1923, per bank statement		\$14,611 31
Balance June 30, 1923, per check book	\$12,285 29	
Outstanding checks, per list	2,326 02	
	<hr/>	\$14,611 31
		<hr/>

Webster & Atlas National Bank.

Balance in savings department June 30, 1923, per bank book		\$5,000 00
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RECONCILIATION OF BOND AND COUPON ACCOUNT.**First National Bank.**

Balance January 1, 1923	\$103 00	
Deposits January 1, to June 30, 1923	35,503 93	
	<hr/>	\$35,606 93
Notes and bonds paid	\$9,500 00	
Coupons paid	11,044 36	
Coupons unpaid, per list	166 37	
Notes, bonds and coupons due July 1, 1923	14,896 20	
	<hr/>	\$35,606 93
		<hr/>

Coupons due and not presented for payment:

Sewer loan, due February 1, 1923	\$6 37	
Sewer loan, due May 1, 1923	40 00	
Sewer loan, due May 1, 1923	50 00	
Sewer loan, due June 1, 1923	70 00	
	<hr/>	\$166 37

Commonwealth Trust Company.

Balance January 1, 1923	\$210 00	
Deposits January 1, to June 30, 1923	6,001 25	
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		\$6,211 25
Notes and bonds paid	\$3,000 00	
Coupons paid	3,141 25	
Coupons unpaid, per list	70 00	
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		\$6,211 25

Coupons due and not presented for payment:

Sewer loan, due September 1, 1915	\$17 50	
Water loan, due August 1, 1922	17 50	
Water loan, due February 1, 1923	17 50	
Sewer loan, due March 1, 1923	17 50	
		<hr/>
		\$70 00

Taxes—1921.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger	\$28,338 69	
Abatements of 1922 taxes credited as 1921	42 50	
Sewer assessment credited as taxes	8 68	
Overpayment, page 41	06	
		<hr/>
		\$28,389 93

Payments to treasurer January 1 to

June 30, 1923	\$26,727 93	
Abatements January 1 to June 30, 1923	138 75	
Unadjusted difference of previous audit	45	
Outstanding June 30, 1923, per list	1,522 80	
		<hr/>
		\$28,389 93

Taxes—1922.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger	\$63,869 72	
Poll tax collected, not committed	5 00	
Moth assessment credited as taxes	50	
Abatement rescinded	5 00	
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		\$63,880 22

Payments to treasurer January 1 to

June 30, 1923	\$43,513 26	
Abatements January 1 to June 30, 1923	355 32	
Abatement of 1922 taxes credited as 1921	42 50	
Taxes credited as moth assessment	40 71	
Outstanding June 30, 1923	19,928 43	
		<hr/>
		\$63,880 22

Outstanding July 1, 1923

Unadjusted difference, previous audit	\$19,928 43	
	41 87	
		<hr/>
		\$19,970 30

Cash on hand July 5, 1923 (paid treasurer July 6)

July 6)	\$1,472 89	
Outstanding July 5, 1923, per list	18,497 41	
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		\$19,970 30

Poll Taxes—1923.

Commitment		\$12,065 00
Payments to treasurer to June 30, 1923	\$5,094 00	
Abatements to June 30, 1923	541 00	
Outstanding June 30, 1923	6,430 00	
	<hr/>	\$12,065 00
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Outstanding July 1, 1923	\$6,430 00	
Additional commitment	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,455 00
Payments to treasurer July 1 to 10, 1923	\$2,759 00	
Abatements July 1 to 10, 1923	276 00	
Outstanding July 10, 1923, per list	3,065 00	
Cash on hand July 10, 1923	355 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,455 00
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Moth Assessments—1921.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger	\$167 41	
Unadjusted difference of previous audit	50	
	<hr/>	\$167 91
Payments to treasurer January 1 to June 30, 1923	\$156 66	
Outstanding June 30, 1923, per list	11 25	
	<hr/>	\$167 91
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Moth Assessments—1922.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger	\$287 25	
Taxes credited as moth assessments	40 71	
	<hr/>	\$327 96
Payments to treasurer January 1 to June 30, 1923	\$235 71	
Abatements January 1 to June 30, 1923	3 50	
Moth assessment credited as taxes	50	
Outstanding June 30, 1923	88 25	
	<hr/>	\$327 96
		<hr/>
Outstanding July 1, 1923		\$88 25
Payments to treasurer July 1 to 5, 1923	\$7 00	
Outstanding July 5, 1923, per list	81 25	
	<hr/>	\$88 25
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Sidewalk Assessments—1921.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger		\$492 76
Payments to treasurer January 1 to June 30, 1923	\$400 19	
Apportioned January 1 to June 30, 1923	92 57	
	<hr/>	\$492 76
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Sidewalk Assessments—1922.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger		\$786 01
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
June 30, 1923	\$285 21	
Apportioned January 1 to June 30, 1923	28 47	
Outstanding June 30, 1923	472 33	
		<hr/>
		\$786 01

Outstanding July 1, 1923		\$472 33
Cash on hand July 5, 1923 (paid treasurer		
July 6)	\$131 78	
Outstanding July 5, 1923, per list	340 55	
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		\$472 33

Sidewalk Bills.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger		\$3,367 16
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
June 30, 1923	\$922 80	
Apportioned January 1 to June 30, 1923	241 73	
Outstanding July 11, 1923, per list	2,202 63	
		<hr/>
		\$3,367 16

Sewer Assessments—1921.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger		\$70 29
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
June 30, 1923	\$14 01	
Sewer assessments credited as taxes	8 68	
Abatements January 1, to June 30, 1923	47 60	
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		\$70 29

Sewer Assessments—1922.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger		\$729 17
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
June 30, 1923	\$468 74	
Outstanding July 5, 1923, per list	260 43	
		<hr/>
		\$729 17

Sewer Bills.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger		\$815 52
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
June 30, 1923	\$287 07	
Apportioned January 1 to June 30, 1923	48 86	
Abatements January 1 to June 30, 1923	7 32	
Outstanding July 11, 1923, per list	472 27	
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		\$815 52

Water Rates—1917.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger		\$34 03
Abatements January 1 to June 30, 1923	\$14 80	
Outstanding July 11, 1923, per list	19 23	
	<hr/>	\$34 03

Water Rates—1918.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger		\$363 06
Abatements January 1 to June 30, 1923	\$16 80	
Outstanding July 11, 1923, per list	346 26	
	<hr/>	\$363 06

Water Rates—1919

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger		\$498 93
Abatements January 1 to June 30, 1923	\$6 03	
Outstanding July 11, 1923, per list	492 90	
	<hr/>	\$498 93

Water Rates—1920.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger		\$275 73
Payments to treasurer January 1 to June 30, 1923	\$21 76	
Abatements January 1 to June 30, 1923	95 99	
Outstanding July 11, 1923, per list	157 98	
	<hr/>	\$275 73

Water Rates—1921.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger		\$465 40
Payments to treasurer January 1 to June 30, 1923	\$62 23	
Abatements January 1 to June 30, 1923	18 83	
Outstanding July 11, 1923, per list	384 34	
	<hr/>	\$465 40

Water Rates—1922.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger	\$6,422 92	
Water services credited as rates	113 42	
Abatements 1923 rates credited as 1922	5 02	
	<hr/>	\$6,541 36
Payments to treasurer January 1, to June 30, 1923	\$5,678 93	
Abatements January 1 to June 30, 1923	19 92	
Outstanding June 30, 1923	842 51	
	<hr/>	\$6,541 36
Outstanding July 1, 1923	\$842 51	
Unlocated difference, previous audit	1 03	
	<hr/>	\$843 54
Payments to treasurer July 1 to 11, 1923	\$9 98	
Outstanding July 11, 1923, per list	833 56	
	<hr/>	\$843 54

Water Rates—1923.

Commitment	\$34,643 12	
Water miscellaneous credited as rates	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$34,683 12
Payments to treasurer January 1, to June 30, 1923	\$27,345 54	
Abatements January 1 to June 30, 1923	88 93	
Abatements 1923 rates credited as 1922	5 02	
Commitment in excess of detailed list	79 94	
Outstanding June 30, 1923	7,163 69	
	<hr/>	\$34,683 12
		<hr/>
Outstanding July 1, 1923		\$7,163 69
Payments to treasurer July 1 to 11, 1923	\$205 37	
Outstanding July 11, 1923, per list	6,860 86	
Cash on hand July 11, 1923	97 46	
	<hr/>	\$7,163 69
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Water—Service Connections.

Outstanding January 1, 1923, per ledger	\$692 15	
Commitments January 1 to June 30, 1923	1,283 15	
	<hr/>	\$1,975 30
Payments to treasurer January 1 to June 30, 1923	\$1,339 78	
Water services credited as rates	113 42	
Outstanding June 30, 1923	522 10	
	<hr/>	\$1,975 30
		<hr/>
Outstanding July 1, 1923		\$522 10
Payments to treasurer July 1 to 11, 1923	\$25 95	
Outstanding July 11, 1923, per list	488 65	
Cash on hand July 11, 1923	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$522 10
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Water—Miscellaneous.

Commitments January 1 to June 30, 1923		\$792 90
Payments to treasurer January 1 to June 30, 1923	\$245 00	
Collection miscellaneous credited to rates	40 00	
Outstanding July 11, 1923, per list	507 90	
	<hr/>	\$792 90
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TAX TITLES—HELD BY TOWN.

Cost of titles held January 1, 1923, per ledger		\$844 60
Titles redeemed January 1 to June 30, 1923	\$147 58	
Outstanding June 30, 1923, per list	697 02	
	<hr/>	\$844 60
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TOWN CLERK'S LICENSES.

Hunting and Fishing.

Resident citizens' combination	19 @ \$2 00	\$38 00	
Resident citizens' hunting and trapping	13 @ 1 50	19 50	
Alien hunting and trapping	1 @ 15 00	15 00	
Resident citizens' fishing	25 @ 1 00	25 00	
Lobster fishermen's	27 @ 1 00	27 00	
			\$124 50
Town clerk's fees	81 @ \$ 15	\$12 15	
Payments to State treasurer		106 35	
Cash on hand July 19, 1923		6 00	
			\$124 50

Dog Licenses.

Males	137 @ \$2 00	\$274 00	
Females	23 @ 5 00	115 00	
Breeders	1 @ 25 00	25 00	
			\$414 00
Town clerk's fees	124 @ \$ 20	\$24 80	
Payments to county treasurer		288 20	
Cash on hand July 19, 1923		101 00	
			\$414 00

Miscellaneous Licenses.

Junk dealer	2 @ \$75 00	\$150 00	
Bowling alley	1 @ 2 00	2 00	
Pool	1 @ 2 00	2 00	
Auctioneer	1 @ 2 00	2 00	
			\$156 00
Payments to town treasurer January 1 to June 30, 1923			\$156 00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Cash on hand January 1, 1923		\$35 50	
Licenses issued:			
Hawkers' and peddlers'	1 @ \$14 00	\$14 00	
Oleo	5 @ 50	2 50	
Milk	43 @ 50	21 50	
Milk (store)	13 @ 50	6 50	
		44 50	
			\$80 00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to July 1, 1923		\$54 50	
Cash on hand July 19, 1923		25 50	
			\$80 00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Cash on hand January 1, 1923	\$6 71	
Sealing fees January 1 to June 30, 1923	50 24	
	<hr/>	\$56 95
Payments to treasurer January 1 to July 19, 1923	\$20 00	
Cash on hand July 19, 1923	31 94	
Outstanding, July 19, 1923	5 01	
	<hr/>	\$56 95
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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Cash on hand January 1, 1923	\$27 87	
Receipts from fines, etc., January 1 to June 30, 1923	168 51	
	<hr/>	\$196 38
Payments to treasurer January 1 to June 30, 1923	\$161 50	
Cash on hand, June 30, 1923	34 88	
	<hr/>	\$196 38
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Town of Swampscott
BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1923

Water Department:			
Charges of 1917	\$19 23		
Charges of 1918	346 26		
Charges of 1919	492 90		
Charges of 1920	157 98		
Charges of 1921	384 34		
Charges of 1922	842 51		
Charges of 1923	7,163 69		
Service connections, etc.	1,030 00		
Revenue, 1923	\$469,585 09		
Less collections estimated receipts	11,181 17		
Loans authorized			
Overlay for abatements overdrawn:			
Levy of 1922	\$321 34		
Levy of 1923	541 00		
Overdrawn Accounts:			
Snow and ice removal	\$12 60		
Trust fund transactions	237 98		
		\$862 34	
			\$250 58
			<u>\$689,961 59</u>
Overlay reserved for abatements:			
Levy of 1921			\$2,089 04
Special assessments revenue:			
Moth assessments		\$99 50	
Sidewalk assessments		2,674 96	
Sewer assessments		732 70	
			<u>\$3,507 16</u>
Water revenue (reserved for Water Department when collected)			
Special revenue reserve	\$10,436 91		
Surplus Revenue:			1,031 31
Tax titles		\$697 02	
Tax possessions		309 61	
Excess and Deficiency		16,666 15	
			<u>\$17,672 78</u>
			<u><u>\$689,961 59</u></u>

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS.

Apportioned assessments, not due		
Apportioned sidewalk assessments (due 1923 to 1927)	\$1,994 99	\$558 70
Apportioned sewer assessments (due 1923 to 1932)		1,436 29
		<u>\$1,994 99</u>
	<u>\$1,994 99</u>	
	<u><u>\$1,994 99</u></u>	

DEBT ACCOUNTS.

Water loan sinking fund	\$120,321 54	Permanent improvement loans	\$319,200 00
Net funded or fixed debt	686,178 46	Sewer loans (serial)	232,200 00
		Water loans (serial)	105,100 00
		Water loans (sinking fund)	150,000 00
			<u>\$806,500 00</u>
	<u>\$806,500 00</u>		
	<u><u>\$806,500 00</u></u>		

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Trust and investment funds:			
Cash and securities	\$32,101 83	Phillips School Medal Fund:	
		Principal	\$1,000 00
		Income	941 52
			<u>\$1,941 52</u>
		Joanna Morse Library Fund:	
		Principal	\$5,196 00
		Income	1,716 89
			<u>6,912 89</u>

Mary L. Thomson Library Fund:			
Principal	\$1,000 00		
Income	245 75		1,245 75
Ellen R. Whittle Library Fund:			
Principal	\$2,000 00		
Income	338 40		2,338 40
A. F. Nesbitt General Cemetery Fund:			
Principal	\$200 00		
Income	133 61		333 61
A. F. Nesbitt Private Cemetery Fund:			
Principal	\$200 00		
Income	71 44		271 44
Chlotilda Farrar Private Cemetery Fund:			
Principal			
Cemetery Lots Investment Fund:			
Principal	\$12,404 21		
Income	2,120 07		
Municipal Insurance Fund			
			14,524 28
			4,283 94
			<u>\$32,101 83</u>
			<u><u>\$32,101 83</u></u>

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—1923

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MRS. MABEL A. HARDY, Secretary 27 Crossman Avenue
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Telephone 6111-M

Regular meeting, second Tuesday of each month.

Superintendent of Schools.

Harold F. Dow

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The Superintendent's office is open on school days from 8:00 A. M. to 4:30 P. M.; Saturdays from 9 A. M. to 12 M.

The Superintendent's office hours on school days are from 8:30 to 9 A. M. and from 2.30 to 4. P. M. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Other times by appointment.

School Calendar.

Winter Term closes on Thursday, February 21, 1924.

Spring Term begins on Monday, March 3, 1924.

Spring Term closes on Friday, April 18, 1924.

Summer Term begins on Monday, April 28, 1924.

Summer Term closes on Thursday June 19, 1924.

High School Graduation, Friday, June 20, 1924.

Conference for teachers, Wednesday, September 3, 1924.

Fall Term begins on Thursday, September 4, 1924.

Legal Holidays.

The words "legal holidays" shall include the first day of January, the twenty-second day of February, the nineteenth day of April, the thirtieth day of May, the fourth day of July, the first Monday in September, the twelfth day of October, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas

Day, or the day following when any of the four days first mentioned, the twelfth day of October or Christmas Day occurs on Sunday; and the public offices shall be closed on all of said days.—Chapter 126, Acts of 1911.

Hours of Session.

Junior and senior high schools and grades V and VI 8.30 A. M. to 1.30 P. M.

Grades III and IV, 8.30 A. M. to 1.00 P. M.

Grades I and II, 9 A. M. to 1 P. M.

No School Signal.

Two double strokes on the fire alarm, 2-2.

7.20 A. M. No school in the junior or senior high schools and grades V and VI.

7.50 A. M. No session in grades I to IV inclusive.

Important: If the signal does not ring at 7.20 but rings at 7.50, sessions of school will be held in the junior and senior high schools and grades V and VI, and no school in grades I to IV inclusive.

Report of the School Committee

To the Citizens of the Town of Swampscott:

This is a great and growing department of the activities of a town that has already burst its swaddling bands of infancy. We who see this growth and development close at hand, who feel the pulse beat of this department, and who have given during the past year many thoughtful hours to the serious consideration of the problems that have come before us, welcome again the opportunity to give you through the medium of the printed and published page a report of the present condition of the department, and of its immediate and pressing needs. We hope that all those into whose hands this and the following reports of the department fall, will give to them the careful and thoughtful consideration that we believe they merit and deserve.

Your committee feels an increasing sense of responsibility that is theirs, and the greatness of their privilege to be of service in this vital department of the town's varied activities, and they have tried to discharge their duties with faithfulness, earnestness, and seriousness, and with the distinct aim of rendering the greatest possible service to the greatest possible number. No other policy can be carried out with any degree of success.

The past year has been one of steady and quiet growth, marked, we believe, by an honest and earnest effort on the part of the superintendent, principals, teachers and supervisors, to hold to a high level the Swampscott school system, and to esteem highly her educational opportunities. We believe that they have been fairly successful, and that their efforts have been productive of fruit, some seen, and some that will show itself in the lives of those committed to their charge in the years that are to come.

The report of the superintendent gives a very careful analysis of the conditions as they are today, and as he sees them for the immediate days that lie just ahead. In his conclusions and recommendations, he has the hearty, sympathetic and cordial approval of the committee. Our report, therefore, will be one of emphasis upon the conclusions and recommendations that he has made to us and that we pass on to you, citizens of the town.

We again report that the department has kept within the budget allowed at the last annual town meeting, with all bills for the year paid in full, none held back, and a small balance returned to the Treasurer. We here record the splendid business methods of the department, due in no small degree to the executive ability of our superintendent. We believe that there is no school department in the Commonwealth that meets more promptly its financial obligations than do we.

In our last annual report we had a vision of a new high school, more conveniently located, with an up to date equipment, and with sufficient accommodations for the growing conditions of at least the next ten years. That vision has not faded from our minds; in point of fact, it has become more distinct, but a more immediate and pressing need absolutely vital to the well being of our school efficiency has arisen, which compels us, while still cherishing the vision of a new high school, to give that vision second place.

The town acquired by the right of eminent domain, the old Methodist Church property and the Chick lot in the rear. We are deeply grateful to the town for the action that it took in this matter. Our first thought was to use the property for increased play space for the Hadley School. But the present crowded condition of that school makes it imperative that we should relieve at once the Hadley School of the elementary department and house them in a new building on the acquired property, a building not only large enough to take care of the elementary grades, but with room for the Domestic Science and Arts Department of the junior high school, and for the administrative offices of the whole system. We recommend therefore that the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee be appointed as a joint committee on this project, and that they be instructed by the town to start work immediately.

The time has arrived for expanding the scope of work offered by our high school. Two general courses only are available there now, the college preparatory and the commercial. We ought to offer every possible inducement to hold our young people in school through the high school years. As a committee we do not urge much expense along this line until the question of a new high school has been decided once and for all, but until that day comes, a comparatively small expense is surely justifiable, to develop the natural bent of the young people along the lines that they have started in the junior high.

Many teachers in the system are striving to keep abreast of the educational wave by outside courses and studies. We commend earnestly their efforts, for we know that it all tends to increase their teaching efficiency. We have felt that most, if not all, of the work that has been so admirably done through the agency of Community Service should properly come within the range of the school department. Happily there has been the greatest possible harmony and cooperation between both of these departments. We plan through the summer months this year to do the work that Community Service has been doing, and through the physical training department of the school system supervise play ground and beach activities. The Community Service supervisor is now an employee of the school department, and under his direction this work will have a reflex action on the average boy and girl in the schools. We are asking in our budget for funds to carry on this work.

About ten years ago some enthusiastic high school alumni started a small fund in the hope that some day by means of the income from it, worthy and deserving members of the senior class might

be helped in the furtherance of their education. Gifts from the Swampscott Women's Club and through efforts of the alumni and the students made it possible to award for the first time at the high school graduating exercises one hundred dollars to a member of the graduating class for further educational work. We heartily commend this fund to the alumni of the school and to all the citizens. We wish that the alumni of the high school would remember this fund and make a yearly contribution to it, and that public spirited citizens of the town would bear it in mind and help it along. We hope the day is not far distant when not only one, but several of the members of the graduating class who fulfill the conditions of it, can be helped by it.

We record again our appreciation of the work that is being done by the Parent-Teachers' Association. Good programmes, interesting speakers on vital educational subjects, all tend to a deepening of interest in the work that the schools are doing, and the personal touch of parent and teacher at the meetings is worth much.

We appreciate the interest manifested by the parents in the National Educational week. Approximately one thousand parents and friends visited the schools on the night that they were thrown open, and it did us all good, committee, superintendent, principals, teachers, parents and children.

Perhaps the most radical suggestion contained in the report of the superintendent concerns the lengthening of the school day. We ask you all to read that section of his report with great care. We believe that he has given long and serious thought to it, and that the conclusion that he has reached is unanswerable. We could amplify what he has said, we could emphasize the points that he has made; let us leave the matter here as far as this report is concerned, the longer day by one hour becomes the policy of this department, beginning with the fall term, and we believe that in its adoption we are acting for the greatest good of the greatest number. This affects, of course, as you will see by the report, only the junior and senior high schools.

We come now to that which as we as a committee consider the most vital part of our report to you. During that past year we experienced an unusual turnover in the teaching staff. The fundamental cause of this condition was more attractive salaries elsewhere. Now such a turnover works harm to a school system, however good it may be. Our constant aim, therefore, must ever be to secure a teaching staff that is a credit to the system, and having secured it to hold it as far as possible intact. Of course marriage, or better positions, or retirement to private life will cause a vacancy now and then. We cannot expect to hold all exceptionally talented teachers, but good teachers should not be allowed to drop out and go elsewhere for the sake of one hundred dollars or two. We are not unmindful of the splendid liberality that the town has shown in the past toward the teachers' salary question. We are conscious of the fact, also, that the general tendency of the day is not to increase salaries. We are paying now what might be considered an average wage to the

teachers of the system in towns of the Commonwealth that have a similar rating with ours from an educational point of view. But the experience of the past year has shown, as the experience of this year may show again, that holding to the average wage does not stop the leakage. Our policy, therefore, will be to increase the maximum salary of the high school teachers, beginning September, 1924, and to follow this in subsequent years with increased maxima salaries for the other branches of the department.

The budget for the year asks for approximately \$144,000, an increase of \$8,000, or 6% over that given to us last year. Our continued aim will be to run the department with efficiency and with the greatest economy possible.

We desire to express our deep appreciation to all the teaching staff for their earnest and untiring efforts for the good and well being of the school, to parents and friends for their kindly and sympathetic interest, and we pledge our best to maintain our schools to the high level that they now hold. We want and we welcome at all times your criticism, not mere lip criticism, the whole system gets enough of that now; it is easy to give but does not get anywhere. Give us constructive criticism that will show us the better way of doing things and the better way of getting results, the kind of criticism that ennobles and inspires and urges forward to a greater conception of privilege and duty.

REV. EDWARD TILLOTSON, *Chairman*.
MRS. MABEL A. HARDY
DR. JOHN VANNEVAR.

REPORT OF CLERK OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Members of the School Committee:

Following is a classified statement of the expenditures of the School Committee for the year ending December 31, 1923.

	General	High Elementary
GENERAL EXPENSES		
School Committee	\$ 723 75	
Superintendent	6,006 50	
EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION		
Supervisors	10,550 00	
Principals	\$ 3,049 98	\$7,644 32
Teachers	19,443 40	53,437 08
Text Books	1,036 75	1,860 43
Supplies	1,200 65	3,467 40
EXPENSES OF OPERATION		
Janitors	2,100 00	5,487 62
Fuel	1,428 95	6,362 83
Miscellaneous	901 98	2,147 72
EXPENSES OF MAINTENANCE		
Repairs, etc.	1,938 89	2,539 10
AUXILIARY AGENCIES		
Libraries	29 13	100 46
Health	50 00	200 00
Transportation		770 00
Tuition	43 68	321 99
Miscellaneous	373 73	200 47
EXPENSES OF OUTLAY		
New Equipment	1,627 93	
Totals	\$19,908 18	\$31,589 14 \$84,539 42
Total Appropriation	\$135,463 00	
Total Expenditures	135,036 74	
Balance on January 1		\$426 26
Americanization Appropriation		\$900 00
Salaries	\$580 00	
Fuel, Books and Supplies	260 20	840 20
Balance on January 1		\$59 80

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. STUBBS,
Clerk of the Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of the Town of Swampscott:

MRS. HARDY AND GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my fourth annual report as superintendent of the Swampscott public schools.

Following the procedure established last year the report will take the following form: first, a brief survey of such incidents of the past school year as seem of pertinence; second, recommendations for next year and the near future; and third, such statistical data as may prove of interest to you and the citizens of the town.

During the year 1923 the following teachers left the employment of the Swampscott School Department: Miss Nellie L. Hadley, Miss Louise Hannon, Miss Martha Hannon, Miss Mary Ireland, Miss Dorothy Smyth, Miss Grace Stevens, Miss Miriam Schaefer, Miss Frances Connolly, Miss Alice I. Quinn, Miss Dorothy B. Cormack, Miss Gladys Mitchell and Clifford Crowther. Miss Hadley and Miss Quinn left to be married and Miss Cormack resigned to enter another line of work, but with those exceptions we lost teachers because of more attractive salaries offered in other places. In addition to that several of our staff received offers to go elsewhere, but remained because of personal reasons or because some salary adjustments were possible in their particular cases. The positions made vacant by resignations enumerated above have been filled more or less satisfactorily. At this writing it is impossible to state accurately the results of so great a turnover. Two of the replacements, however, merit at this time an additional word of explanation. To the vacancy of the principalship of the Machon School, occasioned by the resignation of Miss Alice I. Quinn, the committee appointed Miss Mary I. Perkins, a graduate of the Salem Normal School, with a valuable experience in the schools of Lynn and New Jersey and a rich training in modern education in Teachers' College, Columbia and Harvard. To the position made vacant by Clifford Crowther, Charles Cuddy was appointed. Mr. Cuddy needs no introduction to the citizens of Swampscott. His work with the boys on the athletic field has long been appreciated and he entered upon his duties this fall with zest and efficiency. In addition to his duties as Physical Director of the High School Mr. Cuddy was also assigned to a number of class room periods, thus maintaining the policy of the department to keep in this position a teacher-coach. In addition to the changes enumerated above we have added to our staff an additional teacher in the high school, one in the junior high school, and appointed Miss Jean Allan assistant principal of the Hadley School, where the crowded conditions and importance of the work carried on called for supplementary administrative attention.

School Banking.

As was stated in the last annual report, there was reintroduced into the Swampscott schools the past year a system of school banking. The table below shows the amount deposited in the various schools during the year and the number of accounts opened in the Commonwealth Savings Bank up to December 6th, 1923.

School	Amount deposited in 1923	Total number of accounts opened since Jan., 1923	Total number of accounts closed since Jan., 1923
High	\$361.24		
Hadley	707.80		
Clarke	492.51		
Machon	345.77		
Palmer	411.81		
Total	\$2,319.13	149	13

Our system of saving is by means of automatic stamp vending machines, which relieve the schools of the responsibility of book-keeping and are simple and secure. If there is an objection to them it is that the personal element is lacking in their use, and possibly the results above show that this is one to be considered. Surely it should be possible for a school system of our size and of our nature to have a larger deposit than we had the last year. We trust that the parents of all of our school children will encourage the habits of thrift which we hope to engender in the pupils by means of our school savings. In the schools absolutely no pressure is brought to bear upon the children in this respect, each is allowed to deposit as much or as little as he pleases, the emphasis of the school being placed entirely on the benefits to be derived from the thrift habit.

Americanization.

The work begun in Americanization last year has been continued and developed this year, and we are maintaining at the present time two evening classes for men at the Machon School and two evening classes for men and an afternoon class for women at the Palmer Portable, which has been moved to Phillips Park and is used by the School Department for its present purpose through the courtesy of Swampscott Community Service. Our present total enrolment in the two schools, men and women, is approximately sixty. This important branch of our educational effort merits the whole hearted cooperation of the town. From the financial standpoint it is not exceedingly expensive, as one half of the cost for tuition and supervision is refunded to the town by the state, but to bring these classes to the point where they will contribute most to the town it is desirable that the citizens of the town take an interest in them and encourage our foreign born neighbors, particularly those who have not secured their citizenship papers, to attend these classes. It is a difficult task for men who have worked all day long to bring themselves to the point where they are willing to spend two hours in the evening in the pursuit of knowledge, the value of which is not immediately apparent to them, and

a word of encouragement of commendation from their native born friends often goes far towards strengthening their purpose.

National Education Week.

Swampscott observed this year for the second time National Education Week, in accordance with a proclamation issued by the President of the Nation and the Governor of the Commonwealth. During this week an especial effort was made to have parents visit the schools, to become acquainted with principals and teachers and see the condition under which their children are working. We were gratified with the response which the parents gave to our invitations to be present that week, as nearly a thousand parents registered at the different schools in that period. Greatest interest, perhaps, was evinced in the open house held in all of the buildings on the evening of November 21st, when nearly eight hundred parents and friends visited the various buildings during the two hours which they were open. It seems desirable once again to emphasize the fact that a tremendous amount of good is accomplished in bringing together parents and teachers, and while we cannot observe National Education Week every week in the year, we should like to impress upon the parents the fact that they are most welcome whenever they can so arrange their domestic affairs as to spend a short time in the schools.

Growth of the Schools.

Year ending June 30	Total number enrolled
1919	1382
1920	1471
1921	1527
1922	1570
1923	1626

The above brief table shows the increase of the total number of pupils enrolled in the Swampscott schools during the past five years. These figures do not include the pupils enrolled in the Parochial school or the North Shore Country Day school. The present enrolment in these schools are as follows:

St. John School		North Shore Country Day	
Grade I	41	Sub-primary	10
II	35	Grade I	15
III	30	II	2
IV	31	III	8
V	24	IV	5
		V	4
		VI	2
		VII	0
		VIII	4
		IX	4
		X	2
Total	161	Total	56

From the above figures it is clear that Swampscott is enjoying, in common with other progressive greater Boston communities, a healthy growth as regards the number of children within the town limits.

Professional Improvement and Study.

Much emphasis has been placed the past few years upon the value and importance to school people of professional study as a means of

increasing class room efficiency, and it is a pleasure to acknowledge at this time the work which our Swampscott teachers have done in this direction. There is added below a list of our teachers, who during the past year have taken courses, professional or cultural. Many whose names do not appear here have taken such courses two or three years ago. This information is given not merely as acknowledgement to the teachers, but to show the citizens of the town that those who have their children in charge are keeping constantly in touch with what is modern in educational thought and practice.

Name	Subject Studied	Institution
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HIGH SCHOOL

Lucille E. Burleigh	American Literature	University Extension
Margaret L. Thompson	English Literature	University Extension
Mildred C. Fraser	Am. Literature and Am. Drama	University Extension
Susie C. Langford	Am. History and Eng. Lit.	Harvard University
Rena Jenne	English Literature and Mathematics	University Extension Columbia Sum. School
A. L. Rideout	Project Method	Boston University
Maebelle Adams	English Literature	University Extension
Edna Bennett	Summer Normal Course	Gregg Summer School
Anna Remmert	Accounting	Bentley School
Flora Boynton	Physical Training	Harvard Sum. School

HADLEY SCHOOL

Alice L. Shaw	Supervision of Instruction	Boston University
Jean G. Allan	Supervision of Instruction	Boston University
Mabel L. Colby	Dr. Hoosic's Course— Elem. Education	Columbia, Univ. Extension
Grace E. Fuller	Dr. Hoosic's Course— Elem. Education	
Dorothy Slater	Adv. Composition and Newspaper Writing	Boston University
Bertha Viele	Dr. Wright's Course Accounting, Shorthand Methods	Univ. Extension Simmons Sum. School
Marion Drew	Dr. Wright's Course	Univ. Extension
Madeline MacDonald	Dr. Wright's Course	Univ. Extension
Alice Durgin	Junior High Math., Spanish	Boston University
Marion A. Stevens	English Literature English Literature and Mr. Whitney's Art Course	University Extension University Extension Salem Normal
Marion Burlingame	Adv. French Composition	Boston University
Yvette LaPointe	English Literature French Composition, Methods of Teaching French, and French Civilization	University Extension Middlebury Summer School
Irving H. Winslow	Immigration, Citizen- ship and American- ization	Boston University

CLARKE SCHOOL

Melvina G. Pearson	English Literature	University	Extension
S. Lucretia Collins	English Literature	University	Extension
E. Jane Owen	English Literature	University	Extension
Sarah Bucknam	English Literature	University	Extension
Ruth K. James	Music Appreciation	University	Extension
	Dr. Long (Eng. Lit.)	Harvard	
Katherine Wilson	Eng. Literature (Dr. Harvard Long)		
Anna F. Willey	English Literature and	University	Extension
	Old and New Testa-	Lynn S. of Relig. Ed.	
	ment		
Edith A. Farnum	Eng. Literature and	University	Extension
	Old and New Testa-	Lynn S. of Relig. Ed.	
	ment		

MACHON SCHOOL

M. Elizabeth Williams	Sheridan's Eng. - Pro-ject Method	University	Extension
	Appreciation of Music and Primary Reading	Univ.	Extension
Grace E. Howard	Teaching Elem. Sub-jects, Dr. Hoosic	Univ. Extension (Col-umbia)	
	Industrial Arts and Primary Project	Hyannis Sum. School	
Elsie Oakes	Mental Testing and Projects	University	Extension
	Appreciation of Art		
Bessie B. Chapman	Dressmaking	Woman's Industrial	
Mabel S. Knight	Dr. Hoosic — Teaching Elem. Subjects	Columbia Univ. Extension	
	English Literature	Harvard Univ. Extension	
Marian H. Fogg	Teaching Eng. Grades I-VI	Boston University	

PALMER SCHOOL

Jessie C. Martin	English Literature	University	Extension
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Recommendations.

School Buildings

Before considering the needs of our department for additional housing it seems well to present a brief survey of the present school building condition in Swampscott, with a short outline of our school organization and policy. The following table shows part of this information in brief form:

School	Year Built	Number of Class Rooms	Present Enrol.
High	1894	14	247
Hadley	1912	16	641
Clarke	1906	8	279
Machon	1920	9	198
Palmer	1908	4	126

Of these buildings the Palmer, Machon and Clarke are distinctly elementary schools, embracing grades one to six, inclusive. The Hadley School houses the elementary children of the immediate vicinity and all of the junior high school pupils, those of grades seven, eight

and nine of the entire town, while the high school has grades ten, eleven and twelve. We are thus following the scheme of education known as the six-three-three plan; six elementary school classes, three junior high school classes, and three senior high school classes. We believe that this is the best form of organization for our town and purpose developing our units along these lines in the future.

Reference to the table above shows that we have no immediate concern as far as three of our schools, the Palmer, Machon and the Clarke, are concerned. They are supplying the needs of their district and will continue to do so for a few years at least. With the other two schools the situation is different and demands immediate attention. Let them be considered separately.

First, as concerns the Hadley School. There were enrolled in this building for the month of December, 1923, six hundred forty-one pupils, four hundred eighteen in the junior high school and two hundred twenty-three in the elementary department. These elementary pupils naturally require six rooms, a grade to a room, leaving to the four hundred eighteen pupils of the junior high school ten class rooms. When one considers that the junior high school faculty consists of seventeen teachers in addition to the principal it becomes apparent that there is great difficulty in assigning them and their classes to any available room. In fact, we are using the teachers' room, the library, and the auditorium every period in the day for recitation purposes. Add to the above the fact that we have but one small room for administrative purposes, no room at all for our supervisors, but one room in the entire school system for domestic science and art and two rooms for manual training and it becomes clear to all that relief must be given here as soon as possible. We face an increased enrolment in the fall of 1924 in this building which will further aggravate the problem, and beyond that year we cannot hope to go without additional class rooms.

To relieve this situation the following plan seems most expedient. The town has taken by eminent domain the property adjacent to the Hadley School formerly owned by the Methodist Church and Mr. Chick. The original plans of this department called for the use of this property as supplementary play ground space for the pupils of the Hadley School, but these plans have been modified by the exigencies of present conditions.

I recommend, therefore, that there be erected on this property, as soon as possible, an eight or nine room school unit connected to the Hadley School in some way, where can be housed the administrative offices, the six elementary rooms and the domestic science and art department. This will permit the junior high school to develop along natural lines, uncramped for room, with library facilities restored, recitations in the auditorium ended; it will give us additional lunch room space in the basement of the present building at the same time that it affords the domestic science and art department the addition of one room to their meagre quarters. It seems safe to predict, considering the rapid growth of the town, that before the Hadley School becomes unfit for use need will be felt for additional class room

space for junior high school purposes, at which time this addition may be so used and another elementary school erected elsewhere. This is recommended as an absolute necessity for the proper progress and development of our schools, and the town is asked to take immediate action on the proposition that funds may be appropriated at the annual town meeting and work started on the project this spring.

Second only in importance to relief in the Hadley School is the question of increased facilities in our high school. It has been pointed out in the report of the superintendent and high school principal for several years that enlargements were needed in this building. Here two propositions are open to us: one is to add to our present high school four or eight rooms, which the size of the lot and the nature of the present building will readily permit. The other is to build a new high school in perhaps a more central location of the town, leaving the present building, after remodeling, for elementary school purposes in the section where it stands and where it is logical to expect a rapidly increasing school population will accumulate in the years to come. The first of these plans is doubtless the more economical, the second the more desirable from the standpoint of location and educational efficiency. It cannot be denied that our present high school, while in a most attractive location, is not conveniently located for the great majority of pupils attending there. In the winter months the distance and the condition of the streets leading to it prove a distinct handicap to good attendance and punctuality.

At this time we should consider carefully the desirability, almost the necessity, of adding to our high school equipment facilities for the introduction of an industrial arts course. At the present time we offer to the youth of Swampscott only academic and commercial courses. As has been said before, there is in our school department but one teacher of domestic science and art and one teacher of manual training, both of whom have completely filled schedules from the junior high school, as a result of which no girl above or below the junior high school is receiving in our schools instruction in cooking, sewing or allied subjects, and only the junior high school boys and a very small group of senior high school boys who come to the junior high school for that purpose are able to obtain any training in manual arts. Boys and girls who begin these subjects in the junior high school, show progress in them and wish to continue them are unable so to do because no facilities are offered them along these lines.

We will grant without question that this form of education is expensive, both in equipment and maintenance, but it has become increasingly apparent to those close to school affairs that we have in our schools a comparatively large number of young people who would benefit from advanced instruction in these subjects and no plans for the enlargement of our high school can be complete until they embody some scheme to add to the high school equipment room and apparatus necessary for the introduction of an industrial arts course in that building. It would seem desirable for steps to be taken at once for the laying of definite plans for the execution of this project in 1925.

Longer School Days.

A subject which has been discussed, not only in the school department but in the town, is that concerning the lengthening of the present school day, and although it has been apparent that there is no unanimity of opinion in the matter it seems well to take a stand in regard to it at the present time. For several years Swampscott has had the rather unique arrangement of a one session day for all grades, with five hours as the gross amount of time spent by any pupil at school, exclusive, of course, of such afternoon sessions as may be necessary for makeup work or disciplinary measures. It would be a very simple matter to present statistics showing the increasingly large number of cities and towns whose school day is in excess of ours, but it seems we should decide this matter not on the basis of what other towns are doing, but rather on the grounds of what is best for those boys and girls in our school system.

It has been repeatedly pointed out during the past few years that here and elsewhere conditions have changed markedly in the school world as well as in the world outside. Additions are constantly being made to the curriculum, outside interests are demanding more of the pupils' time, colleges are raising their entrance standards year by year, and yet we find on the part of children no greater, and probably less, inclination to study than ever before. Assignments given by teachers for preparation at home are not, as a rule, satisfactorily done, and indeed in a great many homes conditions do not exist favorable to the proper preparation of home work. In other words the schools are having an increasingly heavy burden to carry, while the pupils are devoting more and more of their attention to outside activities and interests.

I believe that at least an hour per day should be added to the time spent in the junior and senior high schools. That is an increase of twenty percent, a far smaller percent, it is certain, than the losses we have suffered from an educational standpoint from the causes enumerated above. It is an old and trite saying that "there is no royal road to learning." The boys and girls of today must pursue the same pathway that boys and girls have followed in the past if they are to reach the same goal, yet today that road is more tortuous and beset with obstacles than ever before. We of the Swampscott schools earnestly desire to prepare the youth committed to our charge for their higher education as well as for the duties of citizenship which are to confront them through their life, but we are having difficulty in doing this, we are falling short of the ideals we hold most highly and we feel that we need the boys and girls in school a longer time if we are to do our full duty by them. The addition of an hour per day will allow us to increase the length of each period of the junior and senior high schools ten minutes, not much it is true, but it seems safe to say that this extra hour in school would equal the equivalent of an hour and a half or two hours' study in the average home, for it would mean study under the supervision of the teachers in a school atmosphere, where it can best be done.

I recommend, then, to the School Committee that beginning with

the opening of school in September, 1924, we increase by one hour the length of the school day of the junior and senior high schools.

Physical Education.

During the past two years and a half we have gradually developed our physical training program until at present our staff includes Mr. Cuddy, who has charge of boys' athletics and physical training in the senior high school; Mr. Quinlan, who fills a similar position in the junior high school, and Miss Boynton, who has charge of the physical training activities of the elementary grades, junior and senior high school girls.

We feel that this department is doing exceedingly well, a branch of work which is most vital in the present day curricula, but possibilities for further development in this field are very great. We need, specifically, additional space in or about the junior high school, additional apparatus in the high school gymnasium and on the public play grounds of the town, and we could use to very good advantage an additional teacher to assist Miss Boynton.

Further, I have watched with interest the activities of Swampscott Community Service during the summer months with an ever increasing feeling that much of the work carried on by this organization should be done by the school department. Swampscott offers to its boys and girls during the summer unusual recreational possibilities with its play grounds and beautiful beaches. It would not be an expensive matter, then, for our department to take over the general supervision and control of directed play through the summer months. Here again it would be possible to cite innumerable cases where this work is done by school departments, but it seems unnecessary so to do.

It is my hope and **recommendation** that we may include in the budget of 1924 a modest sum which will enable us to make a start towards maintaining and developing supervised and directed play for our boys and girls during July and August.

Our Budget.

We find each year, in spite of earnest efforts to conduct our affairs in the most economical manner possible, that we are confronted by a budget in excess of that of years previous. The year 1924 will prove no exception to this, as it is already apparent that the amount necessary to carry on our schools will exceed the amount expended in 1923. There are several reasons for this. First, we believe that we are improving our schools each year by the addition of modern equipment and supplies facilitating the process of instruction. Such improvement is necessarily costly. Secondly, we have had over a period of years a number of repairs and replacements to make and the amount which we purpose spending in 1924 for repairs will be somewhat larger than the amount expended the past year. Third, the greatest increase in our or any school budget, the salary item. This is due to several reasons, the increase in the number of teachers, the higher maxima salaries towards which teachers

are approaching, but most of all because there is an awakening consciousness that teaching is becoming one of our most important professions, and that as such it must receive the compensation due its importance. No higher tribute can be paid to a community than to state that it has constantly and generously increased the amount contributed toward teachers' salaries.

Our experience this past year, however, shows conclusively that our salary schedule still needs further upward revision. We are paying to our teachers today about an average salary, and it must remain Swampscott's lot to lose many of its most proficient teachers each year if it only pays an "average" salary. But, it is my assumption that our citizens desire to see the Swampscott schools given a higher rating than "average," and one of the best ways of securing this higher rating is to retain our most efficient teachers, and when we have vacancies fill them with others equally efficient. In nine cases out of ten this resolves itself into a question of dollars and cents. With salary conditions equal, teachers will generally be as willing to teach here as elsewhere, and we must continue to increase our salary schedule until it is higher than the "average" salary schedule and nearer on a level with those places that pay the highest salaries, if we desire to attract to and retain in our teaching staff men and women of the highest calibre.

If this principle is acceptable to you as a committee I earnestly commend for your immediate consideration the desirability of establishing a salary schedule which shall be in accordance with the views expressed.

No report emanating from this office could be deemed complete without an expression of appreciation for the co-operation which has been received from all members of the teaching staff.* Whatever success has been attained in our schools in 1923 is mainly due to supervisors, principals and teachers, all of whom have had their shoulders to the wheel at all times. May I also express to you, the committee, my personal gratitude for the assistance and friendship which have so markedly characterized our associations.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. DOW,
Superintendent.

APPENDIX A.

Census Statistics.

SCHOOL YEAR, SEPTEMBER, 1922, TO JUNE, 1923

Number of boys 5 years of age or over and under 16	805
Number of girls 5 years of age or over and under 16	819
Total	1,624
Number of boys 5 years of age or over and under 7	117
Number of girls 5 years of age or over and under 7	134
Total	251
Number of boys 7 years of age or over and under 14	535
Number of girls 7 years of age or over and under 14	547
Total	1,082
Number of boys 14 years of age or over and under 16	153
Number of girls 14 years of age or over and under 16	138
Total	291

APPENDIX B.

Table of Enrolment and Attendance.

SEPTEMBER 1922—JUNE 1923

School	Grade	Whole number enrolled	Average member- ship	Average attend- ance	% of attend- ance	No. tardy	No. dis- missed
High	10-12	274	262.6	247.3	94.1	383	165
Jr. High	7 - 9	409	385.9	362.4	93.9	134	111
Hadley	1 - 6	239	217.9	202.6	92.9	222	69
Clarke	1 - 6	346	304.6	279.2	91.6	252	58
Machon	1 - 5	228	217.9	202.0	91.9	240	60
Palmer	1 - 6	130	126.0	119.0	94.4	155	36
Total		1626	1514.9	1412.5	93.2	1346	499

APPENDIX C.

Age-Grade Table: 1922-1923 Enrolment.

Exclusive of Special Class (16 Pupils)

Ages in years and months	Grad I	Grad II	Grad III	Grad IV	Grad V	Grad VI	Grad VII	Grad VIII	Grad IX	Grad X	Grad XI	Grad XII	Total
6.0- 6.11	97	6	1										104
7.0- 7.11	57	75	10										142
8.0- 8.11	11	32	70	17	2								132
9.0- 9.11	5	14	44	54	15	2							134
10.0-10.11	2	5	19	55	68	25	3						177
11.0-11.11			1	17	41	65	26						150
12.0-12.11	1	1	3	14	13	39	63	21					155
13.0-13.11			1	3	7	17	53	33	18	11			143
14.0-14.11			1	1	3	6	34	28	30	22	7		132
15.0-15.11					1	1	19	9	44	43	23	3	143
16.0-16.11							2	6	19	23	42	17	109
17.0-17.11							1	3	4	9	17	29	63
18.0-18.11									1		5	17	23
19.0-19.11										1	2	7	10
20.0-20.11										1		3	4
Totals	173	133	150	161	150	155	201	100	116	110	96	76	1,621

APPENDIX D.

Tabulation of Accelerated and Retarded Pupils — by grades

Grade	Accelerated		Normal		Retarded		Totals
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
I	3	5	154	89.01	19	10.98	173
II	6	4.5	107	80.45	20	15.03	133
III	11	7.33	114	76	25	16.66	150
IV	17	10.55	109	67.7	35	21.73	161
V	17	11.33	109	72.66	24	16	150
VI	27	17.41	104	67.09	24	15.48	155
VII	29	14.42	116	57.71	56	27.86	201
VIII	21	21	61	61	18	18	100
IX	18	15.51	74	63.79	24	20.68	116
X	33	3	66	6	11	1	110
XI	30	31.25	59	61.45	7	7.29	96
XII	20	26.31	46	60.52	10	13.15	76
Totals	229	14.12	1,119	69.03	273	16.84	1,621

APPENDIX E.

Comparative Cost of Swampscott Schools
 (From Report of Mass. Dept. of Education.)

	Population census of 1920	Valuation April, 1921	Expended for support of schools, year ending June, 1922	Amount ex- pended per \$1000 valuation	Per pupil cost	Per pupil cost (exclusive of Gen. Control)	Elementary schools	High School
Belmont	10,749	\$16,726,417	\$181,019.62	\$10.82	\$ 74.86	\$68.15	\$128.28	
Winchester	10,485	23,348,425	169,655.83	7.27	98.98	86.34	128.61	
Milton	9,382	21,803,790	176,936.05	8.12	112.70	98.64	147.81	
Swampscott	8,101	15,628,379	127,749.52	8.17	85.05	74.56	99.51	
Reading	7,439	9,513,847	121,549.76	12.77	82.30	69.14	107.48	
Concord	6,461	7,499,209	131,098.03	17.49	116.22	76.40	124.86	
Lexington	6,350	10,263,804	125,573.60	12.23	82.07	66.25	103.88	
Wellesley	6,224	19,120,295	141,988.75	7.43	107.08	86.29	126.04	

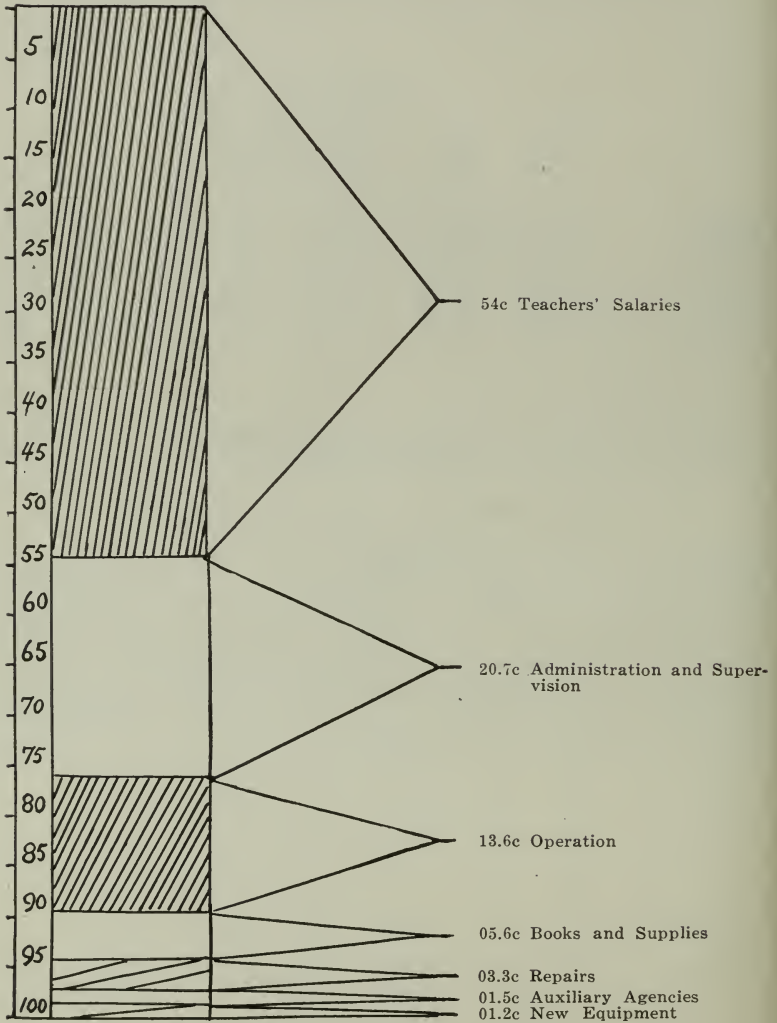
APPENDIX F.

Cost of Instruction in Swampscott, 1923.

Valuation of Town of Swampscott	\$17,311,179
Total raised by taxation	\$471,853.59
Total expended for support of schools	\$135,036.74
Average membership	1,520
Amount expended for support of school, per pupil	\$88.83
Amount received by town from State (School return)	\$11,687.50
Net cost of school to town	\$123,349.24
Net cost of school to town, per pupil	\$81.09

APPENDIX G.

Swampscott's School Dollar — 1923



SWAMPSCOTT'S SCHOOL DOLLAR—1923

Teachers' Salaries	54 c
Administration and Supervision	20.7c
Operation	13.6c
Books and Supplies	05.6c
Repairs	03.3c
Auxiliary Agencies	01.5c
New Equipment	01.2c

The above table and the figures immediately preceding the table show how the Swampscott school dollar was expended in 1923. It is largely self-explanatory, but one or two of the items are more comprehensive than the titles indicate.

Under "Administration and Supervision" are grouped the salaries of superintendent, supervisors, principals, clerks, attendance officer and expenses of the committee and superintendent. "Operation" includes janitors' salaries, light, heat, power and water. "Repairs" include replacements and "Auxiliary Agencies" include libraries, health, transportation and tuition.

Report of High School Principal.

To the Superintendent and School Committee of the Town of Swampscott:

MRS. HARDY AND GENTLEMEN:—I hand you herewith my fourth annual report as principal of the Swampscott High School.

The High School opened in September with an enrollment of 264 pupils, and although this is not as large a number as was anticipated in my report of one year ago, still the additional teacher which was placed in the High School last September has allowed us to organize smaller classes and has done away with the necessity of three teachers in the building carrying an excessive load as was the case last year. This arrangement should insure a better grade of instruction.

The question of the elimination of pupils from the Senior High School seems to be a very serious one and one which should receive immediate attention. During the last school year (1922-23) a total of 34 pupils, or 12.1% of the registration, have left the High School for the reasons indicated:

Table 1.

1. To go to work	13
2. Left town	8
3. Gone to other schools	4
4. Other reasons	9

The ability of the pupils in groups 1 and 4 in table 1 was below normal in every case except one as shown by the standard intelligence tests used in connection with our school work.

Up to the Christmas vacation of the present school year 14 pupils, or 5.5% of our registration, have left school for the reasons indicated:

Table 2.

1. To go to work	3
2. Left town	9
3. Gone to other schools	2
	—
	14

The intelligence of pupils in groups 1 and 3 of table 2 was likewise below normal, and in as much as table 2 covers practically one third of the school year, it seems that the rate of elimination will be much the same this year as it was last.

One of the functions of a Junior High School is to prevent pupils from dropping out of school during the seventh, eighth and ninth grades and our Junior High School undoubtedly does this, but on the other hand this scheme of things passes more pupils of ordinary ability on to the High School. The Senior High School has nothing in the way of manual instruction to offer to these pupils except typewriting, and it is certainly poor policy to urge the boys in this group to take typewriting on account of competition from the girls in this field. Of course the boys may elect manual training at the Junior

High School but the facilities of this school are already much over-taxed. The older boys dislike to be placed in classes with the younger boys, and the daily trip between the two buildings is undesirable. We have nothing whatever to offer the girls in the way of practical arts.

If our High School is going to perform successfully the democratic function of offering varying types of curricula to meet the varying degrees of intelligence, I believe the school committee should consider very seriously the matter of placing wood working equipment in the High School and some offering should be made to the girls in the way of cooking, sewing and allied subjects.

In the town report of one year ago some mention was made of the desirability of a longer school day. With the increasing number of pupils preparing to attend higher institutions, together with the correspondingly greater selection which these institutions are making, it seems entirely unreasonable to expect a school to meet increased requirements of preparation without granting to the school increased time. It is also true that some parents who seem to believe that the Public Schools are not suited to the needs of their children send these pupils to private schools which have control over the entire time of the pupil, establishes definite periods for study and the pupils thus succeed in subjects where the Public School had apparently failed. In other word, this scheme of things brings unfavorable comment upon our Public Schools, when the chances are that the Public Schools could have succeeded equally well if they had been given an equal chance.

The following facts are taken from a pamphlet printed by "The New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools", and is a part of the report of the committee on College Entrance Requirements.

1. The chief function of the Public High School of today is not preparation for college.

- a. Only 24% of the pupils who graduate enter any college.
- b. Only 5.6% of the graduates enter college demanding entrance examinations.

In order to compare the status of our own graduating class of last year with the general facts stated above the occupation of these pupils as far as is known follows:

Ruth Ashton	Salem Normal School
Helen Atwill	Drew Seminary
Marion Beckwith	Sargent School
William Bessom	Springfield Y. M. C. A. College
Edith Breed	Post Graduate Classical
Elsea Bridgess	At home
Marion Bridgess	Post Graduate Swampscott
Gordon Brown	Work
Henry Bufalino	Bentley School
Robert Byrne	Burdett College
James Cafferty	Work
Alexander Cameron	Work
Winnefred Cameron	Work
Julia Cappuccio	At home

Paul Chaisson	G. E. Apprentice School
Eleanor Chapin	Boston University C. S. S.
Zelma Cloutier	Post Graduate Swampscott
Louis Cohen	Harvard University
Hollis Currant	Work
Winnefred Davis	Boston University C. L. A.
Mary Donlan	Chandler School
William Edson	Brown University
Eleanor Farrell	Work
Hilton Fisher	G. E. Apprentice School
Charles Flagg	Work
Mary Gannon	Work
Stuart Graham	Post Graduate Swampscott
John Hanifey	Work
Ruth Harlow	Salem Normal School
Martha Hatch	
John Healey	United Fruit Co.
John Hennessey	Law School
Roger Howes	Work
Gilmour Knowlton	Work
Edwin Moran	Work
Mabel Manchester	Hospital Work
John McLearn	North Eastern University
James Moses	G. E. Apprentice School
Wilbur Moulton	Boston University C. B. A.
Robert Mower	Boston University C. B. A.
Mildred Murphy	Work
Elsie Nevers	At Home
Harvey Newcomb	Boston University C. B. A.
Harry Page	New Hampshire University
Dorothy Prentiss	Post Graduate Swampscott
Frederick Rowe	G. E. Apprentice School
Lawrence Sager	Work
Evelyn Sampson	Work
Dorothy Smith	At home
Eleanor Sofer	Work
Elizabeth Spofford	At home
Helen Thomas	Work
Norbert Ulman	
Eleanor Valpey	Salem Normal School
Earl Vaux	Work
Ada Weinstein	Chandler School
Charles Wilson	School of Practical Arts
Christine Yasi	At home

SUMMARY

Continuing Education	30
At work	20
At home	6
Occupation Unknown	2
TOTALS	58

These figures show that 50% of our last year's graduating class are continuing their education in representative higher schools and colleges. In spite of the fact that the modern High School does not exist primarily for college preparatory pupils our school seems to be doing well in this preparation.

During my stay in Swampscott it has seemed a very serious fault with our High School has been an attitude of indifference on the part of the pupils. This attitude can be translated into dollars and cents as follows: There are at present 59 pupils in our High School who are repeating subjects in which they have previously failed. These subjects all come five times a week, so that this amounts to 295 pupil periods, or a teaching load which would occupy one half the usual time of a teacher. Assuming that the usual salary of a teacher in the Swampscott High School is \$1700 or \$1800 a year these 59 pupils are costing the town \$800 or \$900.

The writer is very grateful for the spirit of co-operation which has been shown at all times by the school committee, superintendent, and corps of teachers.

LEIGHTON S. THOMPSON,

Principal.

SWAMPSCOTT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY.

High School.

Leighton S. Thompson	6 Prospect Ave.
Harriet M. Dillon	56 Greenwood Ave.
Mildred C. Fraser	32 Greenwood Ave.
Rena Jenne	76 Banks Road
Mrs. Florence Norton	20 Ware St. (Suite 3), Cambridge
A. Lillian Rideout	15 Farragut Road
Joseph Stanton	329 Eastern Ave., Lynn
Charles Cuddy	29 Norfolk Ave.
Maebelle Adams	117 Paradise Road
Anna Remmert	82 Walker Road
Mrs. S. Langford	43 Dana St., Cambridge
Lucille Burleigh	82 Walker Road
Edna S. Bennett	25 Cedar Hill Terr.
Margaret Thompson	80 Banks Road

Junior High School.

Alice L. Shaw	38 Outlook Road
Jean G. Allan	Fuller Ave.
Marion Stevens	57 Devens Road
Beatrice L. Cook	111 Redington St.
Madeline MacDonald	28 Norfolk Ave.
Mrs. Cecil H. Doe	24 Maverick St., Marblehead
Alice Durgin	43 Pleasant St.
Pauline Flagg	978 Humphrey St., Beach Bluff
Dorothy Slator	76 Crest Ave., Winthrop
Yvette LaPointe	56 So. Russell St., Boston
Marion Burlingame	80 Banks Road
Helen Fielden	46 Chestnut St., Marblehead
Marion Drew	42 Humphrey St.
Frances A. Gould	199 Burrill St.
Helen Warren	11 Outlook Road
S. Perry Congdon	45 Thomas Road
Walter Quinlan	44 Humphrey St.

Hadley School.

Marion F. Newcomb	11 Redington St.
Amy Fenwick	40 Ocean St., Lynn
Mabel Verry	14 Bond St., Somerville
Margaret Durgin	45 Pleasant St.
Grace E. Fuller	29 Blaney St.
Mabel L. Colby	67 New Park St., Lynn

Clarke School.

Blanche E. Doyle	44 Crossman Ave.
Melvina Pearson	64 Franklin Ave.

Sarah Bucknam	114 Norfolk Ave.
E. Jane Owen	86 Norfolk Ave.
Lucretia Collins	108 Farragut Road
Edith Farnum	133 Norfolk Ave.
Katherine Wilson	111 Humphrey St., Marblehead
Anna F. Willey	56 Rockland St.
Ruth James	162 North St., Salem

Machon School.

Mary I. Perkins	586 Eastern Ave., Lynn
M. E. Williams	15 Bow St., Beverly
Marian H. Fogg	32 City Hall Square, Lynn
Mabel S. Knight	35 Essex Ave.
Bessie Chapman	145 Norfolk Ave.
Grace D. Howard	40 Perley St., Lynn
Elsie Oakes	33 Essex Ave.

Palmer School.

Louise Stanley	44 Crossman Ave.
A. Thelma Nichols	94 Chatham St., Lynn
Ida Bradford	19 Thomas Road
Grace Farrell	60 King St.
Jessie Martin	68 Rockland St.

SUPERVISORS.

Clara B. Fowler	3 Burton Ave., Beverly
Flora Boynton	161 Paradise Road
Esther Nazarian	28 Norfolk Ave.

SECRETARIES.

Eleanor Gardner	Puritan Road
Doris Restall	Magnolia Road

JANITORS.

Herbert E. Wood	82 Norfolk Ave.
Arthur Rowell	11 Boynton St.
Fred W. Wardwell	23 Ingalls Terr.
Horace Wardwell	23 Ingalls Terr.
Iber L. Chapman	30 Blaney St.
Simeon Strong	11 Highland Place
Wm. C. McNamara	802 Humphrey St.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 21, 1923. Great credit must be given to our school organization for the effective manner the schools are conducted. Good attendance is the result of efficient work on the part of the principals and teachers. To them great credit should be given in bringing about such gratifying results.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Complaints received	11	8	5	8	9	4	12	24	14	9	104
Visits made	14	12	8	12	11	5	16	31	19	2	130
Cases of truants	4	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	1	18
Inexcusable absences	5	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	19
Absent account of sickness	2	2	3	3	2	1	3	5	2	3	26
Absent account of clothing	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	7
Enforcement of labor law	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	5	2	0	13
School offenders	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Moved out of town or attending other schools	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	11	1	0	14
Brought into court	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Committed to Lawrence Training School	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

The tabulation shows a slight increase over last year. This may be expected, for as the schools' population increases, so will the percentage of complaints increase. Labor troubles have thrown many parents out of employment, causing distress and poverty. In many cases, the lack of proper clothing has kept children from attending school. Many of these cases have been taken in hand by the teachers and proper wearing apparel has been supplied them. Much can be done along this line by giving a helping hand and assisting the principals and teachers in this worthy cause. Most every family has good cast-off children's clothing, shoes, etc. Do them up and send them to some school where they will be put to good use.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all those who in any way assisted me in the performance of my duty.

Respectfully submitted,

C. WALTER BURRILL,

Attendance Officer.

Report of Water and Sewerage Board

WATER DEPARTMENT.

To the citizens of Swampscott:

We submit herewith our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1923.

This year closes with all authorized work completed.

For the second successive year a large amount of extension of mains, and also, this year, replacement of mains has been accomplished. There is still some replacement work to be done, and for the coming year we recommend that \$5,200 be appropriated for replacement of mains in Harrison Avenue, 935 feet, and in Maple Avenue, 600 feet.

We would also recommend that the unexpended balances from appropriations for Forest Avenue, Fuller Avenue, Rock Avenue and others, amounting to \$5,248.77, be transferred to the Emergency Fund under usual conditions.

Extension of mains (with cost) including gates, hydrants, etc.:

From Appropriations.

Forest Avenue (completed 1923) 339 ft. 10-in. pipe	\$2,361 06	
Fuller Avenue (completed 1923) 902 ft. 6-in. pipe	1,948 35	
Sherwood St., Bond St., Fuller Ave., 779 ft. 6-in. pipe	4,841 44	
		<hr/> \$9,150 85

From Emergency Fund.

Suffolk avenue, 100 ft. 6-in. pipe	\$608 47	
Eureka avenue, 150 ft. 6-in. pipe	391 79	
Elm place, 191 ft. 2-in. pipe	156 85	
Banks circle, 122 ft. 2-in pipe	71 15	
Essex street, hydrant	162 50	
Humphrey street, hydrant	211 26	
		<hr/> \$1,602 02

Replacement of mains (with cost) including gates, hydrants, etc.:

From Appropriations.

Rock avenue, 676 ft. 14-in-pipe	\$4,484 98	
Redington street, 312 ft. 10-in. pipe	1,757 20	
Beach avenue, 703 ft. 6-in. pipe	1,636 79	
Boynton street, 323 ft. 6-in. pipe	801 00	
Rockland st, 973 ft. 6-in. pipe	2,372 28	
		<hr/> \$11,052 25
		<hr/> \$21,805 12

Gates:

Total, December 31, 1922	500
Added	10

Total, December 31, 1923	510
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Hydrants:

Total, December 31, 1922	222
Added	9

Total, December 31, 1923	231
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Meters:

Total cost to December 31, 1922	\$20,500 30
Purchased during year 1923, sixty	1,125 75

Total cost to December 31, 1923	\$21,626 05
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Services:

Total, December 31, 1922	2,096
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Added	75
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Abandoned	7
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68

Total, December 31, 1923	2,164
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Table of distributing pipe in feet, December 31, 1923.

	Wrought Iron	Cast Iron	Cement Lined	Kalemin	Total
1½ inch			528		528
2 inch	12,416		1,153		13,569
4 inch		7,090		1,031	8,121
6 inch		93,939	1,861	1,410	97,210
8 inch		6,593			6,593
10 inch		20,103			20,103
12 inch		6,714			6,714
14 inch		3,721			3,721
	12,416	138,160	3,542	2,441	156,559

Inventory of property, December 31, 1923.

Water mains and standpipe	\$198,069 35
Ten acres, Thompson's meadow	1,000 00
Land on Pine street	4,000 00
Brick building, Pine street	4,000 00
Work shop and garage	2,000 00
Auto truck	500 00
Office furniture	700 00
2.196 metres and parts	21,626 05
Stock on hand	4,000 00
	\$235,895 40

WATER DEBT

Bonds and Notes issued to December 31, 1923	\$351,800 00
Bonds and Notes paid to December 31, 1923	79,700 00
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Total Bonds and Notes outstanding	\$272,100 00
Less Sinking Fund	125,147 18
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Net Water Debt	\$146,952 82
Increase during year	5,974 36
Bonds and Notes due 1924	\$10,200 00

(For details of above debt see report of Town Treasurer.)

Financial Statement for Year Ending December 31, 1923.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, January 1, 1923		\$8,330 35
Cash received	\$54,327 80	
Interest on Deposits	419 86	
Rebate	2 02	
	<hr/>	54,749 68
Bonds issued		19,000 00
Emergency Fund		3,020 32
Unexpended 1922 Forest avenue	\$3,266 87	
Unexpended 1922 Fuller avenue	3,185 00	
	<hr/>	6,451 87
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		\$91,552 22
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EXPENDITURES

Metropolitan Assessment.

Interest	\$9,136 67	
Maintenance	4,750 51	
Sinking Fund	1,188 12	
Serial Bonds	354 04	
	<hr/>	\$15,429 34

Debt and Interest.

Sinking Fund Interest	\$5,250 00	
Serial Bonds	8,200 00	
Serial Bond Interest	4,479 00	
	<hr/>	17,929 00
Maintenance expenses		19,419 34
Construction work (see tables)		21,805 12
Balance		16,969 42
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		\$91,552 22
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Balance		\$16,969 42
Cash on hand, Town Treasury	\$10,302 35	
Emergency Fund	1,418 30	
Bal. Appro. Forest avenue	905 81	
Bal. Appro. Fuller avenue	395 21	
Bal. Appro. Replacement of mains	3,947 75	
	<hr/>	\$16,969 42
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GEORGE D. R. DURKEE,
HAROLD G. ENHOLM,
CHARLES E. HODGDON,

Water and Sewerage Board.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

Water Sinking Fund

Report of Trustees of Sinking Fund for Water Department for the
year ending December 31, 1923

To the citizens of Swampscott:

In compliance with Chapter 293, Acts of 1898, we submit herewith our annual report.

Amount in fund, December 31, 1922

\$120,321 54

RECEIPTS

1 year Int.	\$31,000	Swampscott	3½	p.c.	\$1,085 00
1 " "	1,000	"	4½	"	45 00
1 " "	300	"	4½	"	13 50
1 " "	2,000	Lynn	4	"	80 00
1 " "	7,000	Boston	3½	"	245 00
6 mos. "	4,000	Lynn	4	"	80 00
1 year "	1,000	Clinton	3½	"	35 00
1 " "	3,000	Ipswich	4	"	120 00
6 mos. "	1,000	Gt. Barrington	4	"	20 00
6 " "	3,000	Attleboro	4	"	60 00
1 year "	3,000	Ipswich	4	"	120 00
1 " "	3,000	New Bedford	3½	"	105 00
1 " "	1,000	Swampscott	3½	"	35 00
6 mos. "	1,000	Dedham	4	"	20 00
1 year "	24,000	U. S. Bonds	4¼	"	1,020 00
1 " "	2,000	Attleboro	3½	"	70 00
6 mos. "	5,000	Reading	4½	"	112 50
1 year "	3,000	Revere	4	"	120 00
6 mos. "	1,250	"	4	"	25 00
6 " "	1,000	"	4	"	20 00
1 year "	2,000	Lynn	4	"	80 00
6 mos. "	3,000	Cambridge	4	"	60 00
1 year "	1,000	Arlington	4	"	40 00
1 " "	1,000	Haverhill	4	"	40 00
1 " "	1,000	W. Springfield	4	"	40 00
6 mos. "	2,000	Newton	4	"	40 00
6 " "	1,000	Gloucester	4	"	20 00
1 year "	1,000	Swampscott	4	"	40 00
6 mos. "	200	"	4½	"	4 50
6 " "	100	"	4½	"	2 25
1 year "	2,000	Quincy	3½	"	70 00
1 " "	1,000	Cambridge	3½	"	35 00
1 " "	2,500	U. S. Bonds	4¼	"	106 25
1 " "	2,000	W. Springfield	4	"	80 00
1 " "	1,000	Peabody	4	"	40 00
1 " "	1,000	Springfield	4	"	40 00
1 " "	1,000	North Andover	4	"	40 00
6 mos. "	6,000	Taunton	4	"	120 00
6 " "	7,000	"	4	"	140 00
1 year "	4,000	Belmont	4	"	160 00
1 " "	5,000	Holyoke	3½	"	175 00

4,804 00

Interest on Deposits, Security Trust Co. \$11 21

Bonds Matured

1	\$1,000	Great Barrington	\$1,000 00
1	250	Revere	250 00
1	100	Swampscott	100 00
1	500	"	500 00
1	1,000	"	1,000 00

\$2,850 00

Bonds Bought

1	\$4,000	Taunton	\$4,000 00
1	4,000	Lynn	4,000 00
1	1,000	Attleboro	1,000 00
1	2,000	Taunton	2,000 00
1	1,000	North Andover	1,000 00
1	1,000	Gloucester	1,000 00
1	1,000	Dedham	1,000 00
5	1,000	Holyoke	5,000 00
1	1,000	Taunton	1,000 00
1	1,000	Chelsea	1,000 00
1	3,000	New Bedford	3,000 00
1	1,000	New Bedford	1,000 00
1	1,000	Quincy	1,000 00

26,000 00

Bonds Sold

5	\$500	Swampscott	\$2,500 00
5	1,000	Reading	5,000 00
3	1,000	Cambridge	3,000 00
3	1,000	Ipswich	3,000 00
2	1,000	Newton	2,000 00

15,500 00

Accrued Interest on Bonds Sold

70 14

Profit and Loss on Bonds Bought

226 70

\$169,783 59

EXPENDITURES

Bonds Bought

1	\$4,000	Taunton	4%	\$3,961 60
1	4,000	Lynn	4%	3,982 00
1	1,000	Attleboro	4%	994 10
1	2,000	Taunton	4%	1,980 00
1	1,000	North Andover	4%	990 00
1	1,000	Gloucester	4%	990 00
1	1,000	Dedham	4%	990 00
5	1,000	Holyoke	3½%	4,818 00
1	1,000	Taunton	4%	987 60
1	1,000	Chelsea	4½%	1,013 40
1	3,000	New Bedford	4¼%	3,006 60
1	1,000	New Bedford	4¼%	1,000 00
1	1,000	Quincy	4¼%	1,000 00

\$25,713 30

Accrued Interest on Bonds Bought	220 78
Profit and Loss on Bonds Bought	226 70
Loss on Bonds Sold	125 63

Bonds Matured

1	\$1,000	Great Barrington	\$1,000 00	
1	250	Revere	250 00	
1	100	Swampscott	100 00	
1	500	"	500 00	
1	1,000	"	1,000 00	
				2,850 00

Bonds Sold

5	\$500	Swampscott	\$2,500 00	
5	1,000	Reading	5,000 00	
3	1,000	Cambridge	3,000 00	
3	1,000	Ipswich	3,000 00	
2	1,000	Newton	2,000 00	
				15,500 00
				44,636 41
Balance in fund				\$125,147 18

Sinking Fund Investments.

REGISTERED

26	\$1,000	Swampscott	3½ %	1928	\$26,000 00
10	500	"	3½ %	1928	5,000 00
2	500	"	4 %	1927-8	1,000 00
1	100	"	4½ %	1924	100 00
1	500	"	4½ %	1924	500 00
1	300	"	4½ %	1925	300 00
2	1,000	Ipswich	4 %	1926-27	2,000 00
1	1,000	"	4 %	1928	1,000 00
3	1,000	Revere	4 %	1924	3,000 00
4	250	"	4 %	1924-7	1,000 00
1	3,000	New Bedford	3½ %	1928	3,000 00
1	2,000	Lynn	4 %	1927	2,000 00
2	1,000	"	4 %	1927	2,000 00
2	1,000	Quincy	3½ %	1927-8	2,000 00
1	1,000	Cambridge	3½ %	1925	1,000 00
1	7,000	Boston	3½ %	1928	7,000 00
1	4,000	Taunton	4 %	1928	4,000 00
1	4,000	Lynn	4 %	1928	4,000 00
1	3,000	Taunton	4 %	1928	3,000 00
1	4,000	New Bedford	4 %	1928	4,000 00
					\$71,900 00

COUPON

24	\$1,000	U. S. Bonds	4¼ %	1928	\$24,000 00
2	1,000	"	4¼ %	1942	2,000 00
1	500	"	4¼ %	1942	500 00
3	1,000	Belmont	4 %	1926	3,000 00
1	1,000	"	4 %	1928	1,000 00
1	1,000	Clinton	3½ %	1930	1,000 00
1	1,000	Arlington	4 %	1924	1,000 00
1	1,000	Haverhill	4 %	1926	1,000 00
2	1,000	W. Springfield	4 %	1928	2,000 00
1	1,000	"	4 %	1929	1,000 00
2	1,000	Attleboro	4 %	1926-8	2,000 00
2	1,000	"	3½ %	1935	2,000 00
1	1,000	Peabody	4 %	1931	1,000 00
1	1,000	Springfield	4 %	1926	1,000 00
1	1,000	North Andover	4 %	1928	1,000 00
1	1,000	Gloucester	4 %	1928	1,000 00
1	1,000	Dedham	4 %	1928	1,000 00
5	1,000	Holyoke	3½ %	1928	5,000 00
1	1,000	Chelsea	4½ %	1928	1,000 00
1	1,000	Quincy	4½ %	1928	1,000 00
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Cash in Bank, Security Trust Co., Book 1018					\$52,500 00
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					\$125,147 18
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GEORGE D. R. DURKEE,
HAROLD G. ENHOLM,
CHARLES E. HODGDON,

*Water Sinking Fund
Commissioners.*

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

Some few years ago we recommended that \$300 be appropriated to buy plans to complete our files, but for unavoidable reasons we were unable to get them and the money was returned to the town. We are now assured by the engineering firm getting these plans out that they will be ready about the first of April and we again recommend that \$300 be appropriated to pay for these plans.

We recommend that sewers be laid from Humphrey street through Palmer avenue and Orchard road to Humphrey street.

We recommend that the unexpended balances from Humphrey street and Mountain avenue sewers, amounting to \$1,905.57, be transferred to the emergency fund under usual conditions.

We recommend that \$8,200 be appropriated for sewer maintenance and \$1,000 for particular sewers.

Financial Statement for Year Ending December 31, 1923-

RECEIPTS

Maintenance appropriation		\$8,200 00
Particular sewers appropriation		500 00
Unexpended balances		
Stacey brook culvert		4,771 16
Unexpended balances to Emergency Fund.		
Cherry street	\$1,433 81	
Hillcrest circle	44 89	
	<hr/>	1,478 76
Bonds Issued.		
Humphrey street	\$7,800 00	
Mountain Avenue	1,200 00	
	<hr/>	9,000 00
From Revenue.		
Claremont Terrace		425 00
Emergency Fund		4,268 98
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		\$28,643 84
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EXPENDITURES

Maintenance		\$7,707 70
Particular sewers		480 47
Construction work (see tables)		
Humphrey street	\$6,378 37	
Mountain avenue	716 06	
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Emergency Fund.

Claremont Terrace	\$816 31	
J. T. Lyons (sewer connections)	48 00	
L. Marino (sewer connections)	176 50	
A. French (sewer connections)	240 70	
	<hr/>	1,281 51

Stacey Brook Appropriations.

F. E. Morrison		44 30
Unexpended balances		12,035 43
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		\$28,643 84
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Unexpended balances (reverting to town).

Maintenance	\$492 30	
Particular sewers	19 53	
	<hr/>	\$511 83

Bond Issues.

Stacey brook culvert	\$4,726 86	
Humphrey street	1,421 63	
Mountain Avenue	483 94	
	<hr/>	\$6,632 43
Emergency Fund		4,891 17
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		\$12,035 43
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Construction Tables.

Humphrey Street Sewer.

M. McDonough Co. contract.

510 lin. ft. 10-in. vit. pipe @ \$4 95	\$2,524 50
640 lin. ft. 8-in. vit. pipe @ 2 70	1,728 00
272 lin. ft. 5-in. vit. pipe @ 2 00	544 00
105 cu. yds. Rock excavation @ 6 00	630 00
4 manholes @ \$175 00	700 00
2 flush manholes @ \$100 00	200 00

Extras.

Chimney connections.

6 5-in. bends @ \$1.10	\$6 60
5 bags cement @ \$1 00	5 00
9 hours labor @ 0 60	5 40

 \$17 00

Plus 15 percent

2 55

Advertising bids	19 55
Water Department	9 08
	23 24

 \$6,378 37

Mountain Avenue Sewer.

M. McDonough Co. contract.

274 lin. ft. 6-in. vit. pipe @ \$1 40	\$383 60	
81 lin. ft. 5-in. vit. pipe @ 1 40	113 40	
10 cu. yds. rock excavation @ 6 00	60 00	
1 manhole	75 00	
1 flush manhole	75 00	
Advertising bids	9 06	
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		716 06

Claremont Terrace Sewer.

Mark E. Kelley Co., Inc., contract.

311 lin. ft. 6-in. vit. pipe @ \$1 15	\$357 65	
24 lin. ft. 5-in. vit. pipe @ 1 15	27 60	
1 manhole	97 00	
2 flush manholes @ \$100 00	200 00	
Advertising Bids	9 06	
Paid Collins estate	125 00	
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		816 31

Stacey Brook Culvert.

Frank E. Morrison.

Raising manholes	\$44 30	
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		44 30

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY, DECEMBER 31, 1923.

Pumping station	\$17,000 00	
Pumping plant	12,000 00	
Land	5,000 00	
Office furniture	350 00	
Tools and equipment	500 00	
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		\$34,850 00

SEWER DEBT.

Total sewer debt, January 1, 1923	\$236,950 00	
Bonds issued during year 1923	9,000 00	
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	\$245,950 00	
Bonds paid during the year 1923	17,150 00	
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Total sewer debt, December 31, 1923	\$228,800 00	
Debt decrease during the year	\$8,150 00	
Bonds and notes due 1924	\$17,850 00	

(For details of above debt see report of Town Treasurer)

CARE OF BROOKS.

We recommend an appropriation of \$2,500 for care of brooks.

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$500 00
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EXPENDITURES

Miscellaneous items	\$283 53	
Unexpended balance (reverting to town)	216 47	
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GEORGE D. R. DURKEE,
HAROLD G. ENHOLM,
CHARLES E. HODGDON,
Water and Sewerage Board.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Ring the nearest box for all fires in buildings, if within reasonable distance, as it is quicker and more accurate than the telephone.

If you feel you must use the telephone be sure and ask for Emergency 82, *Swampscott Fire Department*.

Great delays have been caused and large losses suffered by simply asking "Central" for the Fire Department, which gives you Lynn, and not saying Emergency 82, *Swampscott Fire Department*.

Report of Board of Fire Engineers

To the Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—The report of the Board of Fire Engineers and the Chief of the Fire Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1923, follows:

Important Notice.

We would ask all persons discovering fires in buildings to ring the nearest box (if within reasonable distance), as it is quicker and more accurate than the telephone. If you feel you must use the telephone be sure and ask for "Emergency 82 Swampscott Fire Department." Great delays have been caused and large losses suffered by simply asking Central for the Fire Department, which gives you the Lynn instead of the Swampscott Fire Department.

Fire Alarm and Service Record.

Swampscott box alarms	55
Lynn first alarms	9
Lynn third alarms	3
Marblehead calls	13
Woods fire boxes	2
Telephone calls	150
Still alarms	4
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	236

Under the mutual aid system Chemical 4 of Lynn responded to 35 Swampscott calls, Engine 5 and Ladder 1 of Lynn to two Swampscott calls, Engine 2 of Marblehead to four Swampscott calls, Combination A of Swampscott to 13 Marblehead calls, Combination B to 12 Lynn calls, and Combination C to 9 Lynn calls.

Hose, Ladders, Chemicals, Etc., Used at Fires.

2½ in. hose laid	13,750 ft.
Chemical hose used	4,475 ft.
Chemical tanks used—33	1,430 gals.
Hand chemicals used—181	543 gals.
Total gallons chemicals used	1,973 gals.
Ladders raised	1,666 ft.
Pyrenes used	3

Company drills	10
Hose tests	3
Hours of duty	122 hrs. 2 min
Miles traveled	637
Combination A answered	97 calls
Combination B answered	106 calls
Combination C answered	79 calls
Service Car answered	73 calls

Valuation, Losses, and Insurance.

Value of buildings in which fires occurred	\$127,799 00
Damage to buildings in which fires occurred	10,924 70
Insurance on buildings in which fires occurred	116,800 00
Insurance paid on buildings, in which fires occurred	10,924 70
Loss over insurance	300 00
Value of contents	76,850 00
Damage on contents	3,672 77
Insurance on contents	51,110 00
Insurance paid on contents	3,672 77
Loss over insurance	50 00

There were also five auto fires.

Apparatus.

The apparatus is in good condition except Combination B, which will need some repair work done on front gears, and Combination C, which will need new tires. The tires on Combination C, the ladder truck at the Central Station, are in very bad condition, and must have immediate attention. As they are an obsolete type of solid tire we have **recommended** that an up to date type of tire be installed, and an allowance be made to cover the expense.

Service Car.

During the past year the body on this piece of apparatus has been altered to give more hose capacity, thereby giving it a greater range of activity.

Chief's Car.

We have added to our equipment a second hand Dodge runabout, which is doing a good part of the work formerly done by the Service Car, thereby leaving that piece ready for fire duty at all times.

Large Hose.

We now have 3800 feet 2½ inch hose, and will require 500 feet more this year, and have so **recommended**.

Chemical Hose.

We have 650 feet of first class Chemical hose.

Fire Stations.

The Central Station will require about the usual amount of repair work to keep it in good condition during the coming year.

The Phillips Beach Station will need some roof work, also inside varnishing, painting and papering.

Fire Alarm System.

There have been 69 alarms received over the fire alarm system during the past year. One new box has been installed and three old ones replaced by the latest type during that time.

We cannot urge too strongly the continuance of the policy of replacing three of our old Stevens' type boxes each year with the modern Non Interfering Successive Gamewell type, and have so recommended.

We have also recommended that a punch register be installed at the house of Chemical 4, Lynn, to take the place of the old obsolete visual indicator now in use at that station.

Good progress has been made during the year in changing the fire alarm wires to run under, instead of over, the high tension lines.

We also have done quite a little work in conjunction with the Lynn Gas & Electric Co. in changing poles and moving boxes, etc.

Autos at Fires.

We would request autoists not to drive their autos close to the scene of a fire. If they feel that they must run to fires with their autos, park them far enough away so as not to interfere with the movements of the firemen and apparatus. At the Briggs Coal Co. fire last April, both the Lynn and Swampscott departments were greatly handicapped by the multitude of autos which blocked their movements.

Do not use Wood Shingles.

Real estate owners are warned against using wood shingles, as they are very dangerous in case of flying sparks. Use some brand of spark proof shingles, as they are both cheaper and safer than wood. Insurance will cost you less if this type of shingle is used.

Several of our officers and men have responded to alarms and worked on their days off, of which due notice has been taken, and in cases where conditions warrant extra time off has been allowed.

This department, co-operating with the school department, furnished speakers and held fire drills in the schools in observance of Fire Prevention Day, Oct. 9.

In closing we desire to express our appreciation of the good work done last winter by the Street Department in keeping the streets open during the heavy storms. We also wish to thank the Police Department for its co-operation with us at fires, particularly at the Briggs Coal Co. fire last April, when the auto congestion assumed alarming proportions.

Recommendations.

That the town appropriate \$1000 for hydrant rental.

That the town appropriate \$560 to cut down wheels and put new tires on Combination C.

That the town appropriate \$450 for 500 feet 2½ inch fire hose.

That the town appropriate \$185 to install a punch register at the house of Chemical 4, Lynn.

That the town appropriate \$480 to replace three of our old type fire alarm boxes with the modern Gamewell box.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS S. LEADBETTER,
HARRY E. HARDY,
HORACE R. PARKER,

Board of Fire Engineers

JAMES WARNOCK,

Chief of Department.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

Report of Overseers of the Poor

To the Citizens of Swampscott:

We herewith submit our annual report for the year 1923.

The past year has been an exceptional one in a number of ways, necessitating an overdraft in our department. We have provided board at the State Hospital for three persons, which made an additional expense of \$364 for the year.

The total cost for Hospital care and medical attendance was \$329.18, or an increase of \$219.18 over last year. The total paid to the city of Lynn for care of our dependents residing in Lynn, was \$1,870.59, or an increase of \$711.75. These increases amount to \$1294.93, which explains our overdraft.

The number of persons aided is less than during 1922, but the necessary increase in allowances for living expenses brings the total cost up to a general average. The board in most cases, where the persons are reliable, furnish a cash allowance for food, as we have found that they can buy to better advantage if allowed the benefit of competition among the stores. The mild fall and winter has helped to lessen our fuel bill.

The following comparative costs of operation for other towns and cities, whose dependents number about the same as ours, as taken from the State annual report on the care of poor for 1922, shows Swampscott to be in an enviable position.

	Number of Persons Aided	Net Cost
Andover	107	\$8,108 30
Hingham	111	8,290 63
Medway	114	9,271 09
Whitman	101	8,678 17
Stoneham	122	8,617 27
Swampscott	111	4,580 01

The number of persons aided in Massachusetts by cities and towns during the year 1922, was 117,587, at a total cost of \$6,507,829.19.

The board wishes to thank all for the charity work done in our town during 1923, by individuals or organizations.

The financial and statistical report will be found under the heading of the Secretary's report.

Recommendation.

We would **recommend** that the town appropriate the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars (\$6500) for the maintenance of the Poor Department for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH F. CROWELL, *Chairman*,
EDMUND RUSSELL, *Secretary*,
HARRY E. CAHOON.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

Secretary's Report.

Persons having settlement in Swampscott aided by other cities and towns	26
Persons full support in Swampscott	8
Families partially supported in Swampscott	12
Men, women and children receiving aid from Swampscott, during 1923	102
Settlement in Swampscott	85
Settlement elsewhere in State	17
Persons aided in 1923 in Swampscott	76
Persons fully supported in State Hospital	3

Financial Report.

Reimbursed by State	\$733 25
Reimbursed by cities and towns	\$232 40
Due from State	\$335 56
Due from cities and towns	\$13 50

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND RUSSELL, *Secretary*.

Overseers of the Poor Budget for 1924.

Salaries of Overseers	\$350 00
Salary of Secretary	100 00
Telephone	40 00
General expense	6,010 00
Total	\$6,500 00

List of Property.

Safe	\$35 00
Supplies	25 00
Total	\$60 00

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

Report of Building Inspector

Board of Selectmen, Town of Swampscott, Massachusetts:

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith is my report as Building Inspector for the Town of Swampscott, for the year ending December 31, 1923.

	Permits Issued	Estimated Cost
Garages	90	\$61,900 00
Dwellings	81	534,700 00
Alterations	37	78,560 00
Stores	3	3,400 00
Shop	1	1,200 00
Club-house	1	50,000 00
Chapel	1	30,000 00
Stable	1	1,500 00
Hen-coop	1	30 00
Sheds	5	1,130 00
Total	221	\$762,420 00

All inspections required by the Commonwealth were made and returns filed with the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Four elevator operator licenses were issued and the fees from same deposited with the Town Collector, and his receipt obtained.

Twenty-two complaints were received and investigated.

Three structures were condemned as being unsafe.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. LEE,
Building Inspector.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

Report of Inspector of Smoke Nuisance

SWAMPSCOTT, MASS., JAN. 10, 1924.

Board of Selectmen, Town of Swampscott, Massachusetts:

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith is my report as Inspector of Smoke Nuisance for the Town of Swampscott for the year ending Dec. 31, 1923.

One complaint was received and investigated and the nuisance was abated without further action.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. LEE,
Inspector of Smoke Nuisance.

Report of Tree Warden

To the Citizens of Swampscott:

Our public shade trees contribute more than any other one factor to the beauty of our town and make it an inviting locality as a residential section. Each year young trees are set out and it becomes necessary to remove old trees that have passed their usefulness. Sixty-four Norway maples have been planted during this year to fill in vacant places where trees have died or have been destroyed and to complete plantings formerly started on streets where there were no trees. Four loads of loam were used, as the soil in most places has to be replaced to ensure the tree a good start. Twenty-eight trees have been removed because they were dead or dying.

Wire guards have been repaired and adjusted, and applied to all newly set out trees.

Dead wood has been removed from all street trees at the lower end of the town. Low limbs in the way of or endangering travel have been removed and all wounds sterilized and painted.

Leopard moth borers have been treated in small trees by hooking them out with a wire from their burrows in the trunks and limbs, and by cutting off and destroying the infested terminal growths. This is a most serious insect pest, because it is not controlled by spraying. All of the leaf eating insects have been cared for by the usual spraying with arsenate of lead.

The damage from high voltage wires to trees increases each year and limbs are constantly being burned off by the electric current. There are no evidences of any trees being killed by gas the past year. There are six old willows in front of the Eiseman estate on Puritan road, that ought to be taken down, and I hope the appropriation for the ensuing year will be sufficient to include their removal.

I recommend \$1,850.00 for the Tree Warden Department as follows:

New trees	\$275 00
Removing trees	300 00
Tree guards	200 00
Leopard moth	200 00
Trimming and repairing	800 00
Tools and supplies	75 00

\$1850 00

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT P. MUDGE,

Tree Warden.

Report of Superintendent of Moth Work

To the Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—In spite of the fact that the infestations of the gypsy moth are usually more severe after a winter with an abundance of snow, the general condition of the town is no worse than last year. The Danvers Road colony has been held in check and no new serious outbreaks have shown up. No trees have been defoliated excepting by the tent caterpillar, and this infestation was extremely severe. Many requests were received to have them suppressed, but owing to the decrease in the Moth appropriation this year it was impossible to handle the situation satisfactorily.

However, much work was done on tent caterpillar suppression by spraying for them and the gypsy moth simultaneously.

One ton of dry powdered arsenate of lead was used, which was about 500 pounds more than the year previous. Fortunately most of that amount was left over from the year before, for the price advanced from eleven cents to twenty-four cents per pound.

Besides spraying other methods of attacking the pests were creosoting, cutting brush, and improvement thinnings, which was done when the trees were dormant. About a barrel of gypsy moth creosote was used.

At this time a good start has been made on the season's work, for the weather has been ideal for treating the egg clusters since the foliage has fallen. The street trees have been gone over and a start has been made on the private property work.

If satisfactory results are to be obtained in this department and the tent caterpillars are to be included in the work, I recommend an appropriation of \$5,000 as follows:

Salary and wages	\$3,948 00
Telephone	18 00
Insecticides	400 00
Tools	35 00
Teams and teaming	200 00
Gas and oil	75 00
Water	50 00
Hose	100 00
Storage on sprayer	24 00
Repairs	100 00
New ladders	50 00
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	\$5,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT P. MUDGE,
Superintendent of Moth Work.

Report of Forest Warden

To the Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—After a winter with so much snow the ground was quite wet in the spring, and all of the severe woods fires occurred during the fall. The long continued dry spell in the summer caused the turf to be very inflammable and many fires burned in the soil for days before it was possible to extinguish them.

Twenty-eight fires were put out and reported to the State Forester on blanks furnished by the State Conservation Department.

Two hundred ninety-two fire permits for burning rubbish have been issued.

There have been no portable saw mills at work in the town during the past year.

All slash has been cared for according to law.

"Prevent Forest Fires," notices have been posted in all parts of the town as in previous years.

For the ensuing year, I recommend \$300.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT P. MUDGE,

Forest Warden.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

Report of Superintendent of Cemetery

To the Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my eighth annual report as Superintendent of the Cemetery for the year ending Dec. 31, 1923.

Lots sold during year 1923	\$2,130 25
Interments during year 1923	64

For care and maintenance I would recommend \$3,000 to be used as follows:

Superintendent's salary	\$950 00
Labor	1,500 00
Plants for beds	85 00
Teaming and loam	50 00
Stone dust	50 00
Canvas	30 00
Grass seed	15 00
Tools and supplies	100 00
Water and repairs	150 00
Telephone	20 00
New charts for cemetery	50 00

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS HANDLEY,
Superintendent.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

Report of the Town Engineer

To the Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN,—Herewith I submit my eleventh annual report of the service rendered by the Engineering department for the various departments for the year ending December 31, 1923.

The Engineering department has had charge of the following line of work: The designing and superintending of the construction of all drains and sewers, surfacing of all streets built by contract, together with the specifications and estimates for the same; the establishing of street lines and grades for curbstones and granolithic sidewalks; all data and plans relating to the laying out of private streets for acceptance as public ways, and all engineering questions which come before the boards of the several departments.

During the past year the estimates approved by this department have amounted to \$21,000 and all contracts have conformed with the specifications therein described.

Sewers and Drains

The sewer system of the town has been extended in the following streets: Claremont terrace, Humphrey street and Mountain avenue, a total distance of 1,735 feet.

At the Humphrey street pumping station the total number of gallons of sewage pumped amounted to 241,165,000 at a power cost of \$0.5765637 per 100,000 gallons.

There still remains the open section of Stacey's brook, from New Ocean street to Lynn line. The town appropriated its portion of the cost for enclosing this section, but was unable to co-operate with the city of Lynn, although it is possible that the ensuing year will bring about the desired results.

Continuous Sidewalks

Lines and grades have been given in the various streets as designated by the Board of Selectmen, for the laying of 1,138 feet of curbstone, 919 square yards of granolithic sidewalks and 1,764 square feet of parking.

Selectmen's Department

The contract for grading the discontinued portion of Middlesex avenue in front of the Clarke School, was awarded to P. J. McDermott of Lynn, at a cost of \$1,741.46. This gives a safe approach for the school children to Abbott Park.

Data and estimates have been furnished at various times for use in the Selectmen's department, and plans submitted for their approval.

Assessors' Department

A set of thirty-three plans has been completed and each lot card indexed, which greatly assists the work of this department.

At the request of property owners, street lines and grades have been given from time to time for grading lawns, building walls, etc.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the courtesies shown me by the various departments and by private engineers, who kindly furnished me with their data, thereby greatly assisting the work of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

WALLACE W. PRATT,

Town Engineer.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31st, 1923.

Report of Board of Health

To the Citizens of Swampscott:

The Board of Health herewith submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1923, together with those of the various officers.

The general health of the town during the year 1923 has been very good, notwithstanding that there has been an increase, as has been true in other communities, of what is commonly, but erroneously, called "minor diseases." This has been due in a large measure to those parents who still believe that the children must have the disease and have failed to take the necessary steps to protect their own, but have permitted others to come in contact with those suffering with the disease. This applies, particularly, to children suffering from mumps, measles, chicken pox and whooping cough and applies, especially, to those cases where the service of a physician is not called.

Although diphtheria has appeared in exceedingly large numbers in surrounding cities and towns, this town has fortunately escaped its attack, only seven cases being reported during the year. As a protection against the disease, the department during the month of April offered, free of charge, to give the children in the public schools the "Schick" test for diphtheria. By means of this test it is now possible to tell whether a child or person is free from or liable to contract the disease. If the test is found to be negative nothing further is done. Those found susceptible are given three injections of vaccine which will undoubtedly give them lifelong immunity. As there is constant danger of an outbreak of diphtheria in our community we urge those who did not take advantage of this test to do so at the earliest opportunity. The material is furnished by the State Department of Public Health, free of charge, and can be given by the family physician. The results of the tests will be found in the report of the health officer.

The several reports and tables appended to this report offer convincing evidence of the increasing work of the department. These reports and tables should prove interesting to the citizens.

Contracts.

As the contracts for the collection of ashes and garbage expired on April 30, 1923, it became necessary for the board to advertise for new bids on this work. Previous experience having taught us that the making of contracts for a long period of years was not a feasible proposition, the board decided to shorten the term of the new contracts. It was also decided to so arrange the length of the contract that it would expire on December 31st, instead of the middle of the year. By so doing, it will hereafter enable the board to advertise for and receive new bids before presenting our budget to the finance committee.

On January 13th, the board advertised for bids for the collection of ashes and garbage from May 1, 1923, to December 31, 1925. Said

bids to be in accordance with specifications on file in the office of the board. On February 1 five bids were received and found as follows:

M. McDonough Co.	Per year
Ashes and garbage	\$15,000 00
Herbert C. Brown.	
Garbage	6,200 00
Ashes	4,800 00
Abram French.	
Ashes	6,900 00
Garbage	3,200 00
Louis Marino.	
Ashes	7,635 00
Garbage	1,740 00
Ashes and Garbage from May 1, 1923, to Dec. 31, 1925	\$24,999 00
Ralph Lebel.	
Garbage	\$2,700 00

Upon examination, we found that, while the bids for the collection of ashes were somewhat higher than the price then being paid, the bids for the collection of garbage were in several instances, several thousand dollars below the price being paid for the same work. In view of the wages being paid to laborers at that time and the steadily increasing territory to be covered and material collected, it seemed that the bid for the collection of ashes, as submitted by Herbert C. Brown, was a reasonable one, and it was voted to award him the contract. We could not, however, believe that there could be such a difference between the cost of collecting the ashes and that of the garbage as but four days were required for the ashes and six days to make the garbage collections. After investigation we became thoroughly convinced that the work could not be done satisfactorily for the amount specified, and all bids were rejected. The following new bids were then received:

Herbert C. Brown	\$7,300 00
Abram French	5,500 00
Louis Marino	5,250 00

These bids were all submitted on a yearly basis. After talking with the contractors, the contract was awarded to Louis Marino, the lowest bidder. Notice was sent Mr. Marino that he must appear at the office of the board and sign the contract within seven days from the date of the notice. This he failed to do, and after several unsuccessful attempts to see him, a notice was sent him requesting his presence at the next meeting of the board. At the meeting Mr. Marino informed us that he did not intend, for various reasons, to sign the contract. As the other contractors had withdrawn their bids, it was again necessary to call for bids, which were received as follows:

Fitz & Co.	\$8,000 00
Herbert C. Brown	7,300 00
Abram French	5,500 00

The board then awarded the contract to Abram French, he being the lowest bidder. The contract was signed and the bond filed within the required time.

It was then decided that if the town was to receive satisfactory service, under the new contract, a decided change should be made in the methods of collection. Several plans were considered. It finally was decided to divide the town into two districts, and the districts into three subdivisions or routes. The subdivisions or routes were then so laid out that the routes collected on Monday would be again collected on Thursday, and so on until each district had received two collections during the week. A form of daily report was also prepared upon which the contractor is now required to record and file the names of all streets upon which collections have been made. As these reports must be filed each day, we are now able to keep in touch with what is being done. The new program has been in effect since Mr. French took over the work on May 1st, and thus far has proved very satisfactory. It is our opinion, and we believe the citizens will agree with us, that the town is now receiving better service and collections than ever before.

Sewers

There are still some sections of the town in which the installation of the public sewer is fast becoming a necessity. The more urgent and extremely important is that known as the "Shaw estate." Conditions there have been bad ever since this section was opened for development, and have steadily grown worse until the present time. If we are to permit the continued occupancy of many of the premises, immediate action must be taken. There is no particular section where conditions are any different than another. The whole section is in need of relief and immediately. We recommend that the sewer be extended to all streets possible, this year.

Recommendations

We recommend that a sewer be laid in the "Shaw estate" and that money be appropriated for the same.

We recommend that a health clinic be established and that the sum of \$1,500.00 be appropriated for the same as provided for under Chapter 111, Section 50 of the General Laws.

Appropriations

The board recommends the following appropriations for the year 1924:

Health and Sanitation	\$6,460 00
Refuse and Garbage	11,661 00
Health Nurse	1,500 00

Respectfully submitted

LORING GRIMES, M. D.,
HAROLD H. BARTOL,
JOHN B. CAHOON.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

Report of Health Officer

To the Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1923.

Complaints

The following is a list of the complaints received at this office during the past year:

Ashes and paper uncollected	97
Brooks and drains	11
Building stable without license	2
Crowing roosters and filthy hen yards	9
Crowded and dirty tenements	6
Collecting garbage without permits	18
Dust	8
Dumping without permits	15
Dirty and wet cellars	5
Dead animals	73
Food not properly covered	11
Fish and seaweed on beaches	14
Fires and dumps	17
Filthy pig pens	3
Garbage deposited on dumps	16
Garbage receptacles not properly covered or leaking	47
Garbage uncollected Jan. 1 to April 30	378
Garbage uncollected May 1 to Dec. 31	184
Keeping fowl without license	4
Keeping swine without license	8
Leaky and overflowing cesspools	26
Loose paper on dumps	51
Manure not properly covered	4
Offensive catch-basins	18
Offensive privies and vaults	13
Rubbish in yards	12
Ragweed	3
Sick and stray animals	51
Stagnant water	19
Unsanitary buildings	9
Unsanitary toilets	16
Miscellaneous	868

Licenses and Permits.

The following licenses and permits have been issued during the past year:

To sell alcohol	8
To keep swine	6
To practice manicuring	5
To collect grease and tallow	3
To undertakers	2
To erect and occupy stables	2
To manufacture non-alcoholic beverages	1
To collect garbage	1
To hawkers and peddlers	1
To construct cesspools and drains	11
To keep fowl	234

The sum of \$43 has been collected from licenses and the said amount has been paid to the Collector and his receipt obtained.

Communicable Diseases

The following is a list of the various diseases, reported to this office during the past year:

Diseases reported	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Anterior poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chicken pox	7	7	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	2	10	6	39
Diphtheria	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	7
Dog-bite	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Encephalitis lethargica	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gonorrhœa	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Lobar pneumonia	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Measles	42	27	6	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	80
Mumps	0	4	30	16	7	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	62
Ophthalmia neonatorum	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Pulmonary tuberculosis	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	6
Scarlet fever	1	2	6	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	14
Syphilis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Typhoid fever	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Whooping cough	1	2	6	6	17	18	8	0	0	0	0	0	58
Total	54	43	52	25	33	29	13	3	2	8	12	8	282

There has been a slight increase again this year in the number of diseases reported, due, no doubt, to the failure of some of the parents to report the disease to this department, as required by law. In some instances, failure to report, as well as the failure on the part of the parents to keep their children properly isolated, has resulted in an unwarranted spread of the disease among the children of that immediate neighborhood. Parents should bear in mind that it is not only their duty to report the appearance of a communicable disease among the members of their own household, but that of their neighbor as well. If prompt reports are made they will greatly assist the department in checking the spread of the disease.

Six new cases of tuberculosis were reported during the past year. Of this number two have died and the others are at the present time receiving sanatorium treatment, making a total of six patients from this town who are receiving treatment at sanatoriums. There are also four patients who have been discharged from the sanatorium and are now receiving home treatment under medical supervision, and three cases under the supervision of this office.

During the month of April the department, with the assistance of the school physicians, and the consent of the parents, gave 356 children in our public schools the "Schick" test to determine whether they were safe from or liable to contract diphtheria. Of this number there were 196 girls and 160 boys. As a result of this test the department is convinced that those parents and citizens who have not taken advantage of the opportunity offered them to protect themselves and their children from diphtheria should do so at once. During September and October diphtheria appeared in many of our surrounding cities and towns in epidemic form, several deaths resulting therefrom.

This disease appears without warning. It may appear in this town at any moment. The time to prepare is now. Why wait until it appears? It may be too late. The test is simple and requires the placing of but a single drop of the test liquid into the skin. It will not make you ill or leave a scar. If the test shows that you are safe, nothing further need be done. If it shows that you may catch the disease, three injections of vaccine will almost surely give you or your children a life-long protection. This test is given free by this department or it may be given by your family physician. Don't risk waiting. Reports from the cities and towns where this disease has recently appeared show that not one case was reported where the person ill had taken this test.

The following is a summary of the work done at the various schools:

School	Positive	Positive Combined	Pseudo	Negative	Took test only
Clarke					
Boys	23	3	0	2	3
Girls	44	3	0	3	1
Hadley					
Boys	32	4	0	6	4
Girls	42	6	0	11	3
Machon					
Boys	42	3	0	12	2
Girls	37	1	0	5	0
Palmer					
Boys	5	1	1	10	1
Girls	13	1	0	7	1
Phillips					
Boys	7	4	0	4	0
Girls	15	3	0	7	0

Many of those who only took the test at school, and were found to be susceptible to the disease have since been given the vaccine by their family physicians. There were also several teachers, and several children not within the school age, who took the test, as did the physicians who gave it.

School Inspection

Under the General Laws of this State the School Committee of every city and town must cause every child in the public schools to be tested and examined at least once in every school year to ascertain whether he or she is suffering from defective sight or hearing or from any other defect or disability tending to prevent them from receiving the full benefit of their school work or requiring a modification of the school work in order to prevent injury to the child or to secure the best educational results. Notices of any defect or disability requiring treatment must be sent to the parent or guardian of the child, and a physical record of each child must be kept in such form as the State Board of Education shall prescribe.

Although this law has been in effect since 1921, the State Board of Education has heretofore made no effort to prescribe the form in which the physical records shall be kept. This year, however, the Board has prepared a form of record card which must now be kept by all cities and towns throughout the State. The new card is designed to contain the pupil's physical record throughout his entire school life, and is divided into four sections. Section one, contains the introductory information and record of the physical examination as made by the school physician. Section two, contains the record of height, weight, sight and hearing. Section three, consists of three divisions; first, a record of defects, their treatment and the results; second, a record of the disease the pupil has had, and third, the names of the other children in the family. Section four, is devoted to a record of the visits to the home of the pupil and the outcome of each visit. The adoption of this card has made considerable more work for the school physicians and nurse and also greatly added to the clerical work of this department. We have, in spite of the additional work, endeavored to meet the requirements of the law as well as those of the State Board of Education and up to the present time 786 pupils in the grammar schools and 152 pupils in the first year of the Junior High School have been examined. If these examinations are to be made each year and the records kept as called for on these cards, some provision must be made for accomplishing the work.

While it has been impossible to complete all of the records in time for this report, the following summary will give you a fair idea of the results of the examinations as thus far recorded:

	Clarke	Hadley	Machon	Palmer	Junior	High	Totals
Pupils Examined	263	209	197	117	152		938
Physical Defects							
Adenoids	30	10	35	26	3		104
Feet and spine	14	2	8	4	2		30
Glands	55	3	5	3	5		71
Hearing	..	..	3	..	..		3
Heart	6	2	1	2	1		12
Lungs	8	..	1	..	4		13
Mentality	4	..	15	1	..		20
Nervous system	3	1	14	1	1		20
Nutrition	32	32	34	20	5		123
Posture	55	5	27	7	3		97
Scalp	1	..	5	1	..		7
Skin	5	1	3	5	2		16
Teeth	102	50	99	36	26		313
Tonsils	47	49	44	26	16		182
Vision	13	..	22	..	..		35
Weight	80	49	19	33	..		181
Totals	455	204	335	165	68		1,227

In the above figures there is very good evidence that the attention of the citizens of this town should be directed toward the physical, as well as the educational, welfare of our public school children. Parents of these children cannot hope for their future success if they are permitted to be thus physically handicapped. There is a further duty than that of sending the children to school. The teachers cannot be expected to show results if the health of the child is undermined by its physical defects. Success cannot be obtained through education alone. A sound mind and body are fundamental factors. Warnings of these conditions have been embodied in previous reports but the citizens and finance committees have apparently felt that action was unnecessary. In spite of this I still feel that there is need for action if we hope to remedy the situation.

"Shaw Estate"

Complaints are constantly being received relative to overflowing cesspools and obnoxious odors existing in the cellars of premises located in that section of the town, commonly known as the "Shaw Estate". While every effort was made by this office when the houses were built to so locate the cesspools that conditions of this kind would not occur, the condition of the land was such that it was almost impossible to find a location where the cesspool did not have to be built in either water or so located that there was a possibility of the contents therefrom finding their way under the foundation of the premises. In many instances it was necessary to fill the land before the cesspool could be provided. As this department did not possess the power to prevent the use or development of the property and no nuisance then existed, nothing could be done.

Soon after the premises were occupied trouble began to arise. Complaints began to be received that the cesspools were overflowing and that obnoxious odors were occurring in the cellars of the homes. Investigations were made and considerable time and money has been spent by those who purchased the property in an effort to solve the problem. Overflows have been built and regular removals of the contents of cesspools made, but the situation remains the same. The only solution is the public sewer, and every effort should be made to extend the system to that section without delay.

In concluding this report I desire to thank the members of the board, the members and officers of other departments, the various organizations and citizens of the town for the assistance they have given me in the discharge of my duties during the past year.

Recommendations

I **recommend** the following for the year 1924:

The establishment of a health center and clinic and that the sum of \$1,500 be appropriated for the same.

That the sewer system be extended through the "Shaw Estate" and that money be appropriated for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HORTON,
Health Officer.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31st, 1923.

Report of Health Nurse

To the Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my report of work done in the schools, during the past year:

A great deal of health education has been carried on in all grades, through posters, talks by nurse, motion pictures and lectures by outside speakers.

Complete physical examinations have been given each child. Sight and hearing tests have been given in all grades, including the high school.

Much of our health work has been centered on teeth, with the result that many children have had dental care and it is now quite unusual to find a child who does not own and use a tooth brush. The child has now gone as far as it can and must await the financial convenience of its parents. In many cases this means that the children must wait anywhere from two to three years for a first and much needed visit to the dentist. When we consider that America claims to have the most advanced ideas on dentistry, some of the ablest dentists and dental schools second to none, is it not appalling to find our children so neglected?

After much followed-up work, I recommend a dental clinic be provided to meet this pressing need of all classes of children.

The following is a summary of the work done during the year:

Visits to schools	391
Old cases cured	37
Visits to home (old)	90
Visits to homes (new)	133
Taken to dispensary (old)	5
Taken to dispensary (new)	5
School consultations (parents)	119
School consultations (pupils)	123
Examinations for uncleanness	211
Mental examinations	14
Vision tests	1,413
Hearing tests	1,413
Pediculosis	19
Impetigo	13
Scabies	4
Wounds	25
Other diseases of skin	47
Scoliosis	10
Hip-joint disease	5
Teeth	313

Malnutrition	123
Nervous	3
Schick test	356
Miscellaneous	452

Respectfully submitted,

MARY K. HAMMOND,

Health Nurse.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

Report of Milk Inspector

To the Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1923:

Number of samples taken and analyzed	152
Number of samples taken for bacteria test	147
Number of samples that passed bacteria test	143
Number of samples low in total solids	34
Number of samples low in butter fat	4
Number of ice cream samples taken and analyzed	20
Number of samples that passed bacteria test	17
Number of samples of cream taken and analyzed	2
Number of samples of condensed milk analyzed	1

Licenses

Number of stores licensed to sell milk	48
Number of dealers licensed to sell milk	18
Number of stores licensed to sell oleomargarine	5
Number of stores licensed to sell ice cream	20
Number of permits issued to manufacture ice cream	7

Investigation of those samples found low in total solids showed that if a thorough mixing of the milk as received from the dairies had been made occurrences of this nature would not be necessary. This was also true of the butter fat. The matter was brought to the attention of those in charge of the distributing plant and the trouble remedied.

The sum of \$35.50 has been received from licenses during the year and said amount has been paid to the collector and his receipt obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HORTON,

Milk Inspector.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

Report of Inspector of Plumbing

To the Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1923:

Plumbing permits issued	144
Installations approved	153

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD C. PHILLIPS,

Plumbing Inspector.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

Report of Inspector of Slaughtering

To the Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1923:

The slaughtering this year has been carried on in a very satisfactory manner and the premises, where the work has been done, have been kept clean. The animals have been in good condition and free from contagious disease. Particular care has been taken this year for the detection of tuberculosis or hog-cholera, as well as any other form of contagious disease, but all animals have been found to be free from disease of any kind so far as a physical examination would reveal.

The Federal authorities are making a special effort to eradicate tuberculosis among domestic animals used for food, particularly cattle and swine. Inspectors have been requested to be particularly careful in their examinations. The slaughtering in this town has been confined mostly to swine and has consisted generally of one or two animals at a time, principally for home use. Where the work is carried on in this manner there is not so much danger of contagions as there would be at public slaughter houses, where the animals are shipped from long distances and large numbers are herded together. Of course, where swine are shipped in this manner they are usually inoculated against hog-cholera before they are loaded, but even with this precaution there are more or less of them that will not pass inspection and are condemned and destroyed and their carcasses buried or rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK B. STRATTON, M. D. V.,

Inspector of Slaughtering.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

Report of Inspector of Animals

To the Board of Selectmen, Swampscott:

GENTLEMEN:—The cattle, swine, etc., kept in town, have been found to be in good condition this year and the premises, in most cases, have been kept clean with good light and ventilation. Some of the stables, however, have needed certain changes in order to improve these conditions, but in each instance where repairs or alterations have been suggested the owner has willingly complied. Of course, any such changes are for the ultimate benefit of the owner through keeping his stock in better condition, which means a better value at time of slaughter or, in case of cows kept for milk production it would mean a bigger yield and better quality of milk.

There have been no cases of contagious disease reported this year and no farm animals have been quarantined.

The general inspection was made in the spring and consisted of a thorough examination of all cattle, swine, sheep, etc., for any form of contagious disease, also to see that the barns had sufficient light and were properly ventilated. All the premises were found in very good order.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK B. STRATTON,

Inspector of Animals.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31st, 1923.

Report of Surveyor of Highways

To the Citizens of Swampscott:

I herewith submit my annual report ending December 31, 1923.

Redington street, from Blaney street to King street, has been resurfaced with asphalt pavement.

Forest avenue, from Redington street to the Whitney estate, has been put to grade, ledge removed, sidewalks built, two catch basins put in, the whole street resurfaced with gravel and rolled with the steam roller.

There has been about one mile of streets resurfaced with gravel.

The following streets have been seal-coated in whole or in part:—Monument avenue, Columbia avenue, Farragut road, Salem street, Beach Bluff avenue, Phillips avenue, Humphrey street, Walker road, Essex avenue, Devens road and Redington street.

Essex avenue has been picked up with the steam roller, grade lowered and sidewalks concreted.

Bradlee avenue. Work on this avenue has progressed as far as the appropriation would allow. There is still considerable more to be done here. I would **recommend** that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated to finish the work.

Mountwood Road has been gravelled as far as the appropriation would permit. I **recommend** that \$700 be appropriated to finish gravelling the same.

Valley Road. Sidewalks built and the road surface reshaped. This street should be treated with tar or heavy oil this summer.

Phillips Circle. Sidewalks built, street resurfaced with gravel and rolled with the steam roller.

Roadway to Beach, at the Charles Lake estate, Puritan road, was widened its entire width and resurfaced with gravel.

Streets where water, gas or sewer pipes have been laid were leveled and resurfaced with gravel and rolled with the steam roller.

Eleven signs have been placed at the junction of the different town and city boundary lines, reading as follows:

- 1 Four line guide board. One line wing town line.
- 1 Shore Drive, Swampscott-Lynn.
- 3 Town line signs, Lynn-Swampscott.
- 3 Town line signs, Salem-Swampscott.
- 2 Town line signs, Marblehead-Swampscott.
- 1 Two-line guide board, State Road-North Shore.

Ten catch basins have been retopped this year. Also 106 feet of 6-inch drain, 66 feet of 8-inch drain and 32 feet of 10-inch drain pipe have been laid.

There were 1,400 square yards of tar and mixed stone gutters laid and thirty-four driveways were lowered.

There were 454 feet of guard rail fence repaired this year.

Gutters and catch basins in all streets have been cleaned at least twice during the year.

Concrete sidewalks (tar) repaired as follows:

Beach avenue, 8.83 square yards; Blaney street, 4.13 square yards; Essex avenue, 279 square yards; Hardy road, 85.63 square yards; Humphrey street, 408.60 square yards; Rockland street, 83.65 square yards; Orchard Terrace, 50.50 square yards; Shaw road, 63.20 square yards; Sheridan Terrace, 14.90 square yards; Stetson avenue, 44.75 square yards; Essex avenue, 100 square yards, skim coat. Price of tar concrete 80 cents a square yard, 68 cents for skim coating per square yard.

In repairing and resurfacing sidewalks the following amounts of material were used; 137 loads of cinders; 81 loads of stone dust; 146 loads of sand for sanding icy sidewalks.

New gravel sidewalks were built on the following streets: Puritan Road, Goulston estate, Atlantic Avenue at the Viles estate, Humphrey Street at Morton Road, Farragut Road between Banks and Grant Roads.

As waivers were not signed, no work was done on the sidewalk on Humphrey Street from Phillips Beach depot to Forest avenue.

Number of feet of new curbstone laid as follows: Hardy Road, 37.8 feet; Maple avenue, 276.2 feet; Middlesex avenue, 329.8 feet; Puritan Road, 27 feet.

During the year the usual work of patrolling or patching street surfaces required a team and two men practically seven months of the year.

Street Watering and Oiling

Bids for furnishing oil for street purposes were asked for and opened in the Selectmen's room at the Town Hall. Alden, Speares' Sons Co. was awarded the contract as the lowest bidder for the dust laying oils. About 34,089 gallons, 30 per cent asphaltic road oil, was applied. There were 5,107 gallons of 65 per cent asphaltic road oil used. There were 4,150 gallons of Standard binder B and 15,700 gallons of tar used on the streets for all purposes and 25,220 cubic feet of water. The price paid for dust laying oil was \$.059 per gallon; applied by auto truck \$.082 per gallon. Binder B, 12 cents per gallon applied. Cold patch special was \$.0177 per gallon in barrels, furnished by J. J. Galvin of Boston, as the lowest bidder.

A new steam road roller of the latest model, with the attached scarifier on the rear has been purchased from the Buffalo-Springfield Roller Co., for the sum of \$5,990. Allowance on the old roller \$690.

New tools purchased were one two-horse road machine to be used on gutter work and six sidewalk snow plows.

Trenching in the Streets. The necessity of trenching the streets is due to the Water, Sewer and Gas companies laying mains, making repairs and connections from buildings to the mains. I wish to call

the attention of the town to the unsatisfactory way in which trenches are left. It means that considerable time and expense is expended by the department in repairing the surface after a street has been trenched. I believe that there is only one way to overcome the carelessness on the part of those who apply for permits, and that is to have the town appoint someone to oversee all work in putting trenches back and charge the cost to the applicant for the permit.

Proposed Work. Streets that should be resurfaced this year are Palmer avenue, from Atlantic avenue to Humphrey street, Humphrey street, from Forest avenue to Railroad crossing, where sewer was laid this summer; Stetson avenue, Middlesex avenue and Cherry street.

Snow and Ice

Care of snow and ice. Snow storms of the last winter were more severe than any the department has had to contend with for some years. Because of the large amount of snow to handle and the necessity of so much extra labor, the appropriation was greatly overdrawn. It will be remembered that one snow storm was followed by other storms of more or less severity. The town has spent approximately \$21,000 in handling snow. One reason for the large part of the expense has been in removing great piles of snow, caused by the breaking out of the car tracks, which was carted away by the town, where in former years the railroad company cared for the removal of such snow on one side of its tracks.

Recommendations

1. That the town appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to be used in building a locker at the town yard, State Road.
2. That the town appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to be used in resurfacing Humphrey Street.
3. That the town purchase a three ton truck and appropriate money for same.
4. That the town purchase one pair of horses and appropriate \$600 for same.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL J. RYAN,

Surveyor of Highways.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31st, 1923.

Report of Police Department

To the Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—In submitting the annual report of the Police department for the year ending December 31, 1923, I wish to call to your attention the increased business of the department for the past year, which can readily be seen by a study of the comparative tables for the years 1922 and 1923. As two of my recommendations are based on this fact, I deem it worthy to be called to your attention.

Arrested or summoned to appear in court for the following offenses:—

	1922	1923
Larceny	3	5
Breaking, entering and larceny	5	2
Drunkenness	25	29
Assault	3	5
Assault with intent to rape	1	2
Truancy	3	2
Violation of the liquor law	12	6
Violation of the Lord's day, gaming	0	11
Obstruction of R. R. engine	0	1
Giving false alarm of fire	0	4
Insane	4	3
Abduction	0	1
Summonses and arrests for out of town officers	76	83
Speeding	68	101
Operating without proper lights	0	34
Failing to stop on signal of officer	1	2
Operating under the influence of liquor	10	11
Operating so as to endanger lives of public	1	2
Operating without license	4	15
Reckless driving	2	1
Going away without making himself known	3	2
No registration	0	7
Improper number plates	1	2
Non-support of minor child	1	0
Vagrancy	2	0
Violation of Town By-law, barking dog	1	0
Bastardy	1	0
Total	227	331
Males	223	320
Females	4	11
	227	331

Disposition of cases in court:—

	1922	1923
Appealed to Superior Court	9	9
Fined and paid	89	124
Filed on payment of costs	4	35
Placed on file	19	21
Placed on probation	4	6
Released by Probation officer	6	6
Discharged by Court	9	12
Defaulted	1	10
Committed to House of Correction	0	5
Committed to Danvers Insane Hospital	2	3
Committed to State Hospital, Westboro	1	0
Committed to State Farm at Bridgewater	0	1
Committed to Psychopathic Hospital, Brookline	1	0
Committed to Lawrence Training School	0	1
Committed to Industrial School at Shirley	0	1
Restitution made	6	6
Suspended sentences	0	6
Held for Grand Jury	0	2
Delivered to other officers	76	83
Total	227	331

Miscellaneous work performed by the department:—

	1922	1923
Accidents and assistance rendered	46	71
Assisted other officers	27	49
Ambulance responded to fire alarms	54	52
Injured and sick persons cared for	28	0
Buildings found open and secured	70	81
Bicycles reported lost or stolen	14	9
Bicycles returned to owners	3	3
Goods reported lost or found	62	106
Complaints investigated	476	737
Cases of larceny reported	31	24
Cases of attempted breaking and entering	4	0
Cases of breaking and entering and larceny	15	11
Dead bodies found and cared for	6	1
Defective streets and sidewalks	15	49
Disturbances suppressed without arrest	3	1
Dogs returned to owners or dog officer	95	46
Fire alarms given by officers	2	11
Fires extinguished by officers	2	0
Lost children found and returned to parents	23	25
Lights furnished for dangerous places	27	10
Lights reported out in streets	297	486
Lights found burning in buildings	9	6
Miscellaneous reports	66	96
Poles and trees reported on fire	14	27
Stray animals cared for	15	4

	1922	1923
Water and gas leaks reported	8	10
Wires reported down	29	17
Search warrants for liquor served	11	2
Value of property lost or stolen	\$3,088.56	\$1,902.24
Value of property recovered	1,848.38	599.24
Dogs reported lost	95	40
Intoxicated persons assisted home	0	2
Health officer notified of dead dogs and cats found in streets	0	9
Automobile plates found on street and returned to owners	0	9
Street obstructions removed	0	2
Automobiles without lights	0	50
People reported missing from home	0	10
Suicides reported	0	4
Cases of breaking and entering reported	0	4

The following are the sums I would **recommend** for the expenses of the Police department for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Salaries for regular officers	\$25,360.00
Salaries for special work	2,000.00
Telephones	375.00
Gas and light	150.00
Coal and wood	375.00
Gas and oil	250.00
Miscellaneous expenses	2,500.00
Total	\$31,010.00

Prosecution of Cases in Court

In the past it has been the policy of the Police department to have all the important cases and most of the other cases prosecuted in court by an attorney. This has proved expensive, so the past year the chief has prosecuted all the cases of the department in court at a decided saving to the Town and with the following results:

Cases prosecuted by the Chief	214	Result
Fined and paid		124
Placed on file		21
Filed on payment of costs		35
Placed on probation		6
Discharged by court		12
Sentenced		8
Restitution secured		6
Suspended sentences		2
Total	214	214
Fines imposed by Court		\$1,980.00
Fines imposed as costs		147.00
Total		\$2,127.00

Police Automobile

As the complaints investigated increased from 476 in 1922 to 737 in 1923 and all other branches of police work show a corresponding increase I hereby **recommend** that an automobile be purchased for the use of the department. Many cases could be taken care of by such a machine much cheaper and with better results than with ambulance. Swampscott is one of few towns of its size and wealth that does not have a police automobile. Therefore I **recommend** that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated for that purpose.

Police Motorcycles

I would **recommend** that the old motorcycle which was purchased in 1917 and which has not been used for the past three years be sold. It is rapidly depreciating in value and should be sold at once. The motorcycle purchased in 1921 is in fair condition and the past year a sidecar was attached, and it performed very good work in apprehending speeding automobiles and miscellaneous cases. With a little overhauling it will be serviceable the next year. In place of the old 1917 motorcycle I would **recommend** that \$400 be appropriated for the purchase of a new motorcycle.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. QUINN,

Chief of Police.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31st, 1923.

Report of Dog Officer

To the Board of Selectmen, Swampscott:

There have been eighteen complaints investigated this year. Eight dogs have been restored to their owners and forty-four stray dogs have been taken care of. Also notices have been sent to several owners who have neglected to license their dogs, as called for in the public statutes.

There has been one case of rabies in town during the year. This dog was destroyed and its head sent to Harvard Medical School for examination. A positive report was returned.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK B. STRATTON,

Dog Officer.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31st, 1923.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—

I herewith submit my report from January 1, 1923, to December 31, 1923.

Your sealer performed all such duties that fell within the scope of this department. The various measuring devices were tested, and sealed or condemned accordingly. It is with pleasure that the few complaints received were disposed of satisfactorily to all parties concerned.

The new laws, along with special instructions received from the Department of Standards, were given special attention. The most important change was on commodities formerly sold by dry measure and which will hereafter be sold by weight or count. This includes most all vegetables and fruits, nuts, etc. This eliminates all fraudulent attempts, such as partly or loosely filled measures or using measures not of standard capacity.

A better idea can be obtained of the work done by this department in the following summary:—

	Tested	Sealed	Ad-justed	Con-demned
Platform scales over 5,000 lbs.	6	6	0	0
Platform scales under 5,000 lbs.	27	26	1	0
Counter scales over 100 lbs.	1	1	0	0
Counter scales under 100 lbs.	40	40	0	0
Beam scales over 100 lbs.	2	2	0	0
Spring scales over 100 lbs.	1	1	0	0
Spring scales under 100 lbs.	32	31	1	0
Computing scales	22	22	0	0
Personal scales	8	7	0	1
Prescription scales	4	4	0	0
Avoirdupois weights .	213	209	4	0
Apothecary weights	100	100	0	0
Metric weights	18	18	0	0
Liquid measures	72	72	0	0
Dry measures	9	9	0	0
Gasoline pumps	38	31	3	4
Quantity stops	119	119	0	0
Yard measures	2	2	0	0
	714	700	9	5

Trial Weighing

	Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Coke in bags	164	156	8	0
Coal in bags	279	263	5	11
Ice	1	0	1	0
Flour	299	278	16	5
Butter	56	56	0	0
Dry commodities	2,873	2,686	115	72
Fruit and vegetables	72	56	3	13
Bread	178	169	5	4
Confectionery	604	604	0	0
	4,526	4,368	153	105

Inspections

Hawkers' and peddlers' licenses		6
Junk dealers' licenses		2
Gasoline pump licenses		6
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		14
Cash on hand January 1, 1923	\$ 6 71	
Amount collected	59 17	
	<hr/>	\$65 88
Paid Treasurer	\$55 00	
Uncollected bills	4 41	
Cash on hand December 31, 1923	6 47	
	<hr/>	\$65 88

Inspections

Several stores were visited on different occasions and general conditions of the scales, weights, etc., were noted. Several tests of gasoline pumps were made and several were found falling short. Being old pumps, with parts pretty well worn, they were condemned. These were replaced by new, up-to-date pumps.

Re-Weighings

Stores were visited and reweighings made of packages of goods and goods put up by clerks. Carelessness is responsible for a large share of incorrect weighing. Others are caused by leaky containers, while evaporation or absorption varies the weight of the other commodities. These defects were made good either by the merchant or the manufacturer. It has not been the policy of this department to burden the merchant with unnecessary hardships, but to co-operate with and help in executing the laws.

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation to all those who in any way assisted me in the discharge of my duties as Sealer.

Administration

I recommend for the ensuing year the following:—

Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$300 00	
Printing and books, etc.	30 00	
Teaming and help	75 00	
Miscellaneous	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$455 00

Respectfully submitted,

C. WALTER BURRILL,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

SWAMPSCOTT, MASS., December 31, 1923.

Report of Trustees of the Public Library

To the Citizens of Swampscott:

The Public Library, like the other town agencies, emphasizes the progress of life and the growth of this community in a country that moves but one way, and that ahead.

This growth in the last few years has made necessary the addition of steel stack with capacity for about one thousand more books. This has also made it possible to rearrange the classes of books so as to thus facilitate their use by the public.

The demands for reference work have been constant the past year, particularly during the period while the schools are in session, and such work seems to be on an increasing scale.

The use of all books taxes their binding and provides a growing item of expense, especially because of the fact that books are not bound at the present time, as well as formerly.

A bill was presented to the legislature of 1923 providing that the money received from fines be used for the purchase of new books for libraries. Your trustees joined with others in urging the passage of this bill, but the legislative committee was the one on municipal finance and not a committee on libraries, hence the act failed of passage.

Through our Library a collection of one hundred and fifty books and eight packages of magazines was made for the use of the American Merchant Marine Library.

The Library is used by adults and scholars on Sunday afternoons for study and reading and serves many who are unable to use the Library during the week days.

The Story Telling Hour at the Library on Sunday afternoons during the winter months has proved very successful. There have been from forty to sixty children in attendance at each meeting. Mrs. Elgar Townsend, Mrs. James Walker and Mrs. Norman Dillingham have given their services to this work and the board takes this opportunity to express its thanks and appreciation of their kindness.

Report of the Librarian—Miss Sarah L. Honors.

1923

CIRCULATION

Adult

Fiction	26,322
Non-Fiction	4,545
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	30,867

Juvenile

Fiction	13,080
Non-Fiction	2,100
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	15,180
Current periodicals	759
Total	46,806
Number of books added	292
Books in Library, Jan. 1, 1924	14,472

New Periodicals added: Vogue.

Fine receipts turned over to Town Treasurer \$286.50

The trustees and librarian gratefully acknowledge gifts of books from the following residents of Swampscott:

American Chemical Society, Prize Essay Committee; Dr. C. H. Bangs, Humphrey Street; Mr. Joseph Barnes, Monument Avenue; Miss Mary Brogan, Grant Road; Mrs. C. Maxwell Green, Manton Road; Mr. Charles Hobbs, Humphrey Street; Mr. Thomas Hunt, Tupelo Road; Rev. L. H. VanLeeuwen, Norwood, Mass.; Miss Dorothy Hill.

Respectfully submitted,

F. KEELER RICE,
LOUISE C. STANLEY,
ELIHU THOMSON,

Board of Trustees of the Public Library.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31st, 1923.

Treasurer's Report

James W. Libby, Treasurer.

In account with the Town of Swampscott, for the year ended December 31, 1923.

Balance on hand January 1, 1923	\$46,067 08
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RECEIPTS.

Tax Collector.

Taxes	\$513,854 88	
Water receipts	54,327 78	
Sewer assessments	539 00	
Sidewalk and Curbing	848 82	
Miscellaneous receipts	5,732 05	
		575,302 53

Temporary Loans.

Notes discounted at 3.99%	\$40,000 00	
Notes discounted at 4.16%	100,000 00	
Notes discounted at 4.08%	100,000 00	
Notes discounted at 4.14%	50,000 00	
		290,000 00

Bonds and Notes, Issued and Sold.

Water Loan, Acts of 1923, 21st Issue.		
Serial Coupon Notes 4¼ %	\$15,000 00	
Sewer Loan, Acts of 1920, 1923 Issue.		
Serial Coupon Notes 4¼ %	9,000 00	
Water Loan, Acts of 1916, 20th Issue.		
Serial Coupon Notes 4¼ %	4,000 00	
Premiums at 100.241	67 48	
Accrued Interest	42 97	
		28,110 45

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Income tax, 1923	\$49,813 92	
General School Fund	11,687 50	
Corporation tax, Public Service, 1923	6,516 23	
National Bank tax	6,182 45	
Corporation tax, Business	6,094 76	
Income tax, 1922	2,824 50	
State Aid	1,330 00	
Income tax, 1921	1,329 00	
Corporation tax, Public Service, 1922	917 18	

Amount carried forward

\$939,480 06

Amount brought forward \$939,480 06

Street Railway tax	505 42
Mothers with dependent children	319 74
Income tax, 1920	273 00
Corporation tax, Domestic 1921	256 47
Temporary Aid	211 51
Department of Education	203 75
Contagious Diseases	202 00
Military Aid	157 50
Tuition of children	16 89

88,841 82

Estate of Ellen E. Andrews.

Memorial Chapel Bequest 30,500 00

District Court of Southern Essex.

Fines collected 621 20

County of Essex.

Dog tax 476 11

Trust Funds.

Joanna Morse Library Fund	398 49
Perpetual care of Cemetery	239 00
Municipal Insurance	148 75
Phillips School Medal Fund	35 64

821 88

Interest on Bank Deposits.

General Accounts	\$2,616 99
Water Department	419 86

3,036 85

Total \$1,063,777 92

Less.

Treasurer's warrants honored and
paid numbered from 1 to 3,818
inclusive 969,993 25

Balance on hand in banks,
December 31, 1923

\$93,784 67

Bonds and Notes Payable.

ISSUED INSIDE DEBT LIMIT

No.	Date of Bond or Note.	To whom payable.	Amount	Class.	Time in Years.	Rate.	When payable.
146	May 25, 1904	Lynn Inst. Sav'gs	\$6,500 00	A	20	3 60-100	May 25, 1924
164	July 15, 1905	Com. of Mass.	3,300 00	B	19	3 50-100	" 15, 1924
57	Aug. 1, 1911	1st Nat'l Bk., Boston	1,000 00	B	13	4	Aug. 1, 1924
58	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	13	4	" 1, 1924
59	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	13	4	" 1, 1924
60	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	13	4	" 1, 1924
61	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	14	4	" 1, 1925
62	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	14	4	" 1, 1925
63	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	14	4	" 1, 1925
64	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	14	4	" 1, 1925
65	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	15	4	" 1, 1926
66	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	15	4	" 1, 1926
67	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	15	4	" 1, 1926
68	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	15	4	" 1, 1926
69	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	16	4	" 1, 1927
70	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	16	4	" 1, 1927
71	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	16	4	" 1, 1927
72	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	16	4	" 1, 1927
73	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	17	4	" 1, 1928
74	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	17	4	" 1, 1928
75	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	17	4	" 1, 1928
76	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	17	4	" 1, 1928
77	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	18	4	" 1, 1929
78	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	18	4	" 1, 1929
79	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	18	4	" 1, 1929
80	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	18	4	" 1, 1929
81	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	19	4	" 1, 1930
82	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	19	4	" 1, 1930
83	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	19	4	" 1, 1930
84	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	19	4	" 1, 1930
85	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	20	4	" 1, 1931
86	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	20	4	" 1, 1931
87	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	20	4	" 1, 1931
88	Aug. 1, 1911	" " "	1,000 00	B	20	4	" 1, 1931
12	May 1, 1912	Com. of Mass.	200 00	L	12	4	" 1, 1924
13	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	13	4	" 1, 1925
14	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	14	4	" 1, 1926
15	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	15	4	" 1, 1927
16	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	16	4	" 1, 1928
17	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	17	4	" 1, 1929
18	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	18	4	" 1, 1930
19	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	19	4	" 1, 1931
20	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	20	4	" 1, 1932
21	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	21	4	" 1, 1933
22	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	22	4	" 1, 1934
23	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	23	4	" 1, 1935
24	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	24	4	" 1, 1936
25	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	25	4	" 1, 1937
26	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	26	4	" 1, 1938
27	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	27	4	" 1, 1939
28	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	28	4	" 1, 1940
29	May 1, 1912	" "	200 00	L	29	4	" 1, 1941
12	July 1, 1913	1st Nat'l Bk., Boston	500 00	O	11	4½	July 1, 1924
13	July 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	O	12	4½	" 1, 1925
14	July 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	O	13	4½	" 1, 1926
15	July 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	O	14	4½	" 1, 1927
16	July 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	O	15	4½	" 1, 1928

BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE—Continued

No.	Date of Bond or Note.	To whom payable.	Amount.	Class	Time Years	Rate.	When Payable.
17	July 1, 1913	1st Nat'l Bk., Boston	\$500 00	O	16	4½	July 1, 1929
18	July 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	O	17	4½	" 1, 1930
19	July 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	O	18	4½	" 1, 1931
20	July 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	O	19	4½	" 1, 1932
21	July 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	O	20	4½	" 1, 1933
13	Nov. 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	R	11	4	Nov. 1, 1924
14	Nov. 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	R	12	4	" 1, 1925
15	Nov. 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	R	13	4	" 1, 1926
16	Nov. 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	R	14	4	" 1, 1927
17	Nov. 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	R	15	4	" 1, 1928
18	Nov. 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	R	16	4	" 1, 1929
19	Nov. 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	R	17	4	" 1, 1930
20	Nov. 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	R	18	4	" 1, 1931
21	Nov. 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	R	19	4	" 1, 1932
22	Nov. 1, 1913	" " "	500 00	R	20	4	" 1, 1933
73	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	10	4	June 1, 1924
74	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	10	4	" 1, 1924
75	June 1, 1914	" " "	500 00	S	10	4	" 1, 1924
76	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	11	4	" 1, 1925
77	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	11	4	" 1, 1925
78	June 1, 1914	" " "	500 00	S	11	4	" 1, 1925
79	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	12	4	" 1, 1926
80	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	12	4	" 1, 1926
81	June 1, 1914	" " "	500 00	S	12	4	" 1, 1926
82	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	13	4	" 1, 1927
83	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	13	4	" 1, 1927
84	June 1, 1914	" " "	500 00	S	13	4	" 1, 1927
85	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	14	4	" 1, 1928
86	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	14	4	" 1, 1928
87	June 1, 1914	" " "	500 00	S	14	4	" 1, 1928
88	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	15	4	" 1, 1929
89	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	15	4	" 1, 1929
90	June 1, 1914	" " "	500 00	S	15	4	" 1, 1929
91	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	16	4	" 1, 1930
92	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	16	4	" 1, 1930
93	June 1, 1914	" " "	500 00	S	16	4	" 1, 1930
94	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	17	4	" 1, 1931
95	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	17	4	" 1, 1931
96	June 1, 1914	" " "	500 00	S	17	4	" 1, 1931
97	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	18	4	" 1, 1932
98	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	18	4	" 1, 1932
99	June 1, 1914	" " "	500 00	S	18	4	" 1, 1932
100	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	19	4	" 1, 1933
101	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	19	4	" 1, 1933
102	June 1, 1914	" " "	500 00	S	19	4	" 1, 1933
103	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	20	4	" 1, 1934
104	June 1, 1914	" " "	1,000 00	S	20	4	" 1, 1934
105	June 1, 1914	" " "	500 00	S	20	4	" 1, 1934
106	Oct. 1, 1914	" " "	2,000 00	S	10	4½	Oct. 1, 1924
242	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	9	4¼	May 1, 1924
243	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	9	4¼	" 1, 1924
244	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	10	4¼	" 1, 1925
245	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	10	4¼	" 1, 1925
246	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	11	4¼	" 1, 1926
247	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	11	4¼	" 1, 1926
248	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	12	4¼	" 1, 1927
249	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	12	4¼	" 1, 1927
250	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	13	4¼	" 1, 1928
251	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	13	4¼	" 1, 1928
252	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	14	4¼	" 1, 1929
253	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	14	4¼	" 1, 1929
254	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	15	4¼	" 1, 1930
255	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	15	4¼	" 1, 1930
256	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	16	4¼	" 1, 1931

BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE—Continued

No.	Date of Bond of Note.	To whom payable.	Amount	Class	Time in Yr.	Rate.	When payable.
257	May 1, 1915	1st Nht'l Bk., Boston	\$1,000 00	V	16	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	May 1, 1931
258	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	17	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1932
259	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	17	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1932
260	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	18	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1933
261	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	18	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1933
262	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	19	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1934
263	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	19	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1934
264	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	20	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1935
265	May 1, 1915	" " "	1,000 00	V	20	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1935
469	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	7	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	June 1, 1924
470	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1925
471	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	9	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1926
472	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	10	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1927
473	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	11	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1928
474	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	12	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1929
475	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	13	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1930
476	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	14	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1931
477	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	15	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1932
478	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	16	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1933
479	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	17	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1934
480	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	18	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1935
481	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	19	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1936
482	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	20	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1937
483	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	21	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1938
484	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	22	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1939
485	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	23	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1940
486	June 1, 1917	" " "	500 00	H	24	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1941
522	July 15, 1918	" " "	1,000 00	H	6	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	July 15, 1924
523	July 15, 1918	" " "	1,000 00	H	7	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 15, 1925
524	July 15, 1918	" " "	500 00	H	8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 15, 1926
552	Sept. 1, 1919	Com. Trust Co.	1,000 00	X	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Sept. 1, 1924
553	Sept. 1, 1919	" " "	1,000 00	X	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1924
554	Sept. 1, 1919	" " "	1,000 00	X	6	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1925
555	Sept. 1, 1919	" " "	1,000 00	X	7	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1926
556	Sept. 1, 1919	" " "	1,000 00	X	8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1927
557	Sept. 1, 1919	" " "	1,000 00	X	9	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1928
558	Sept. 1, 1919	" " "	1,000 00	X	10	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 1, 1929
4	Jan. 1, 1920	1st Nat'l Bk., Boston	1,000 00	B	4	4.62	Jan. 1, 1924
5	Jan. 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	5	4.62	" 1, 1925
22	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	4	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	July 1, 1924
23	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	4	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1924
24	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	4	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1924
25	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	4	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1924
26	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	4	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1924
27	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	4	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1924
28	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	4	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1924
29	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	5	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1925
30	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	5	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1925
31	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	5	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1925
32	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	5	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1925
33	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	5	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1925
34	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	5	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1925
35	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	5	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1925
36	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	6	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1926
37	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	6	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1926
38	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	6	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1926
39	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	6	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1926
40	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	6	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1926
41	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	6	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1926
42	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	6	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	" 1, 1926

BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE—Continued*

No.	Date of Bond or Note.	To whom payable.	Amount.	Class	Time in Years	Rate.	When payable.
43	July 1, 1920	1st Nat'l Bk., Boston	\$1,000 00	B	7	5 1/4	July 1, 1927
44	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	7	5 1/4	" 1, 1927
45	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	7	5 1/4	" 1, 1927
46	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	7	5 1/4	" 1, 1927
47	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	7	5 1/4	" 1, 1927
48	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	7	5 1/4	" 1, 1927
49	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	7	5 1/4	" 1, 1927
50	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	8	5 1/4	" 1, 1928
51	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	8	5 1/4	" 1, 1928
52	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	8	5 1/4	" 1, 1928
53	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	8	5 1/4	" 1, 1928
54	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	8	5 1/4	" 1, 1928
55	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	8	5 1/4	" 1, 1928
56	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	8	5 1/4	" 1, 1928
57	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	9	5 1/4	" 1, 1929
58	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	9	5 1/4	" 1, 1929
59	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	9	5 1/4	" 1, 1929
60	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	9	5 1/4	" 1, 1929
61	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	9	5 1/4	" 1, 1929
62	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	9	5 1/4	" 1, 1929
63	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	10	5 1/4	" 1, 1930
64	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	10	5 1/4	" 1, 1930
65	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	10	5 1/4	" 1, 1930
66	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	10	5 1/4	" 1, 1930
67	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	10	5 1/4	" 1, 1930
68	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	10	5 1/4	" 1, 1930
69	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	11	5 1/4	" 1, 1931
70	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	11	5 1/4	" 1, 1931
71	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	11	5 1/4	" 1, 1931
72	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	11	5 1/4	" 1, 1931
73	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	11	5 1/4	" 1, 1931
74	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	11	5 1/4	" 1, 1931
75	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	12	5 1/4	" 1, 1932
76	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	12	5 1/4	" 1, 1932
77	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	12	5 1/4	" 1, 1932
78	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	12	5 1/4	" 1, 1932
79	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	12	5 1/4	" 1, 1932
80	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	12	5 1/4	" 1, 1932
81	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	13	5 1/4	" 1, 1933
82	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	13	5 1/4	" 1, 1933
83	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	13	5 1/4	" 1, 1933
84	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	13	5 1/4	" 1, 1933
85	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	13	5 1/4	" 1, 1933
86	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	13	5 1/4	" 1, 1933
87	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	14	5 1/4	" 1, 1934
88	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	14	5 1/4	" 1, 1934
89	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	14	5 1/4	" 1, 1934
90	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	14	5 1/4	" 1, 1934
91	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	14	5 1/4	" 1, 1934
92	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	14	5 1/4	" 1, 1934
93	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	15	5 1/4	" 1, 1935
94	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	15	5 1/4	" 1, 1935
95	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	15	5 1/4	" 1, 1935
96	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	15	5 1/4	" 1, 1935
97	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	15	5 1/4	" 1, 1935
98	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	15	5 1/4	" 1, 1935
99	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	16	5 1/4	" 1, 1936
100	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	16	5 1/4	" 1, 1936
101	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	16	5 1/4	" 1, 1936
102	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	16	5 1/4	" 1, 1936
103	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	16	5 1/4	" 1, 1936
104	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	16	5 1/4	" 1, 1936
105	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	17	5 1/4	" 1, 1937
106	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	17	5 1/4	" 1, 1937
107	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	17	5 1/4	" 1, 1937
108	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	17	5 1/4	" 1, 1937
109	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	17	5 1/4	" 1, 1937
110	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	17	5 1/4	" 1, 1937
111	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	18	5 1/4	" 1, 1938
112	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	18	5 1/4	" 1, 1938
113	July 1, 1920	" "	1,000 00	B	18	5 1/4	" 1, 1938

BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE—Continued

No.	Date of Bond or Note.	To whom payable.	Amount.	Class	Time in Yrs.	Rate.	When payable.
114	July 1, 1920	1st Nat'l Bk., Boston	\$1,000 00	B	18	5¼	July 1, 1938
115	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	18	5¼	" 1, 1938
116	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	18	5¼	" 1, 1938
117	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	19	5¼	" 1, 1939
118	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	19	5¼	" 1, 1939
119	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	19	5¼	" 1, 1939
120	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	19	5¼	" 1, 1939
121	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	19	5¼	" 1, 1939
122	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	19	5¼	" 1, 1939
123	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	20	5¼	" 1, 1940
124	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	20	5¼	" 1, 1940
125	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	20	5¼	" 1, 1940
126	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	20	5¼	" 1, 1940
127	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	20	5¼	" 1, 1940
128	July 1, 1920	" " "	1,000 00	B	20	5¼	" 1, 1940
7	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	3	5¼	Aug. 1, 1924
8	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	3	5¼	" 1, 1924
9	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	3	5¼	" 1, 1924
10	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	4	5¼	" 1, 1925
11	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	4	5¼	" 1, 1925
12	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	4	5¼	" 1, 1925
13	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	5	5¼	" 1, 1926
14	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	5	5¼	" 1, 1926
15	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	5	5¼	" 1, 1926
5	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	3	5¼	" 1, 1924
6	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	3	5¼	" 1, 1924
7	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	4	5¼	" 1, 1925
8	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	4	5¼	" 1, 1925
9	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	5	5¼	" 1, 1926
10	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	5	5¼	" 1, 1926
3	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	3	5¼	" 1, 1924
4	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	4	5¼	" 1, 1925
5	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	5	5¼	" 1, 1926
6	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	6	5¼	" 1, 1927
7	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	1,000 00	E	7	5¼	" 1, 1928
8	Aug. 1, 1921	" " "	500 00	E	8	5¼	" 1, 1929
7	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	2	4¼	" 1, 1924
8	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	2	4¼	" 1, 1924
9	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	2	4¼	" 1, 1924
10	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	2	4¼	" 1, 1924
11	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	2	4¼	" 1, 1924
12	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	3	4¼	" 1, 1925
13	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	3	4¼	" 1, 1925
14	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	3	4¼	" 1, 1925
15	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	3	4¼	" 1, 1925
16	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	4	4¼	" 1, 1926
17	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	4	4¼	" 1, 1926
18	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	4	4¼	" 1, 1926
19	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	4	4¼	" 1, 1926
20	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	5	4¼	" 1, 1927
21	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	5	4¼	" 1, 1927
22	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	5	4¼	" 1, 1927
23	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	E	5	4¼	" 1, 1927
2	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	2	4¼	" 1, 1924
3	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	3	4¼	" 1, 1925
4	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	4	4¼	" 1, 1926
5	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	5	4¼	" 1, 1927
6	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	6	4¼	" 1, 1928
7	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	7	4¼	" 1, 1929
8	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	8	4¼	" 1, 1930
9	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	9	4¼	" 1, 1931
10	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	10	4¼	" 1, 1932
11	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	11	4¼	" 1, 1933
12	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	12	4¼	" 1, 1934
13	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	13	4¼	" 1, 1935
14	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	14	4¼	" 1, 1936
15	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	15	4¼	" 1, 1937
16	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	16	4¼	" 1, 1938
17	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	17	4¼	" 1, 1939
18	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	18	4¼	" 1, 1940
19	Aug. 1, 1922	" " "	1,000 00	B	19	4¼	" 1, 1941
			\$201,000 00				

A. Permanent Improvements.
 C. Morris Land.
 E. Highway.
 G. Refunding Notes.
 L. Park Loans.
 N. High School Sewer Bonds.
 P. Miscellaneous, 1913.
 R. Hadley School Land Loan.
 T. Miscellaneous, 1914.
 U. Sidewalk and Macadam.
 W. Military Aid.
 X. Street Improvement.
 Z. Military Aid.

B. Schoolhouse Loans.
 D. Cemetery Improvements.
 F. Sidewalk.
 I. Auto Chemical.
 H. Sewer.
 K. School Equipment.
 M. Ambulance.
 O. Public Park, Town Hall.
 Q. Fire Department.
 S. Humphrey Street Improvements.
 V. High School Additions.
 Y. Departmental Equipment.

Temporary Loan Notes

Issued in Anticipation of Revenue.

No.	Date of Note.	Payable at.	Amount.	Time.	Rate.	When payable.
122	Dec. 7, 1923	1st Nat'l Bk.. Boston	\$10,000 00	333 days	4.14	Nov. 10, 1924
123	Dec. 7, 1923	" " "	10,000 00	"	4.14	" 10, 1924
124	Dec. 7, 1923	" " "	10,000 00	"	4.14	" 10, 1924
125	Dec. 7, 1923	" " "	10,000 00	"	4.14	" 10, 1924
126	Dec. 7, 1923	" " "	10,000 00	"	4.14	" 10, 1924
			\$50,000 00			

Liabilities.

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT NOTES AND BONDS PAYABLE, GENERAL
DEBT, ISSUED INSIDE DEBT LIMIT.

Due in 1924	\$45,000 00
Due in 1925	31,200 00
Due in 1926	29,700 00
Due in 1927	24,200 00
Due in 1928	20,200 00
Due in 1929	18,700 00
Due in 1930	17,200 00
Due in 1931	17,200 00
Due in 1932	13,200 00
Due in 1933	13,200 00
Due in 1934	12,200 00
Due in 1935	9,700 00
Due in 1936	7,700 00
Due in 1937	7,700 00
Due in 1938	7,700 00
Due in 1939	7,700 00
Due in 1940	7,700 00
Due in 1941	1,700 00
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	\$291,900 00

Water Bonds and Notes Issued to December 31, 1923.

First Issue, Acts of 1898	\$100,000 00
Second Issue, Acts of 1898	20,000 00
Third Issue, Acts of 1898	20,000 00
Fourth Issue, Acts of 1898	10,000 00
Fifth Issue, Acts of 1909	90,000 00
Sixth Issue, Acts of 1912	8,000 00
Seventh Issue, Acts of 1912	1,300 00
Eighth Issue, Acts of 1912	1,100 00
Ninth Issue, Acts of 1912	3,000 00
Tenth Issue, Acts of 1912	2,000 00
Eleventh Issue, Acts of 1912	6,000 00
Twelfth Issue, Acts of 1912	5,600 00
Thirteenth Issue, Acts of 1912	6,500 00
Fourteenth Issue, Acts of 1912	8,500 00
Fifteenth Issue, Acts of 1912	4,500 00
Sixteenth Issue, Acts of 1912	2,800 00
Seventeenth Issue, Acts of 1916	25,000 00
Eighteenth Issue, Acts of 1916	11,500 00
Nineteenth Issue, Acts of 1916	7,000 00
Twentieth Issue, Acts of 1916	4,000 00
Twenty-first Issue, Acts of 1923	15,000 00
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	\$351,800 00

Water Bonds and Notes Paid.

Fifth Issue	\$42,000 00	
Sixth Issue	5,500 00	
Seventh Issue	1,100 00	
Eighth Issue	1,000 00	
Ninth Issue	3,000 00	
Tenth Issue	2,000 00	
Eleventh Issue	6,000 00	
Twelfth Issue	3,600 00	
Thirteenth Issue	3,500 00	
Fourteenth Issue	3,000 00	
Fifteenth Issue	3,000 00	
Sixteenth Issue	2,000 00	
Seventeenth Issue	3,000 00	
Eighteenth Issue	500 00	
Nineteenth Issue	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$79,700 00
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Total Bonds Outstanding		\$272,100 00
Less Sinking Fund		125,147 18
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Net Water Debt		\$146,952 82
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Water Bonds and Notes Due in 1924.

Fifth Issue, Bonds No. 43-44-45	\$3,000 00	
Sixth Issue, Bond No. 12	500 00	
Seventh Issue, Bond No. 28	100 00	
Eighth Issue, Bond No. 11	100 00	
Twelfth Issue, Note No. 345	500 00	
Thirteenth Issue, Note No. 364	500 00	
Fourteenth Issue, Note No. 429	500 00	
Fifteenth Issue, Note No. 460	500 00	
Sixteenth Issue, Note No. 542	500 00	
Seventeenth Issue, Bond No. 4	1,000 00	
Eighteenth Issue, Bond No. 2	500 00	
Nineteenth Issue, Bond No. 2	500 00	
Twentieth Issue, Note No. 109	1,000 00	
Twenty-first Issue, Note No. 94	1,000 00	
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Sewer Bonds and Notes Issued to December 31, 1923.

	Issued	Paid
Series A, Acts of 1902	\$120,000 00	\$63,000 00
Series B, Acts of 1902	4,000 00	2,100 00
Series C, Acts of 1902	40,000 00	21,000 00
Series D, Acts of 1902	20,000 00	10,500 00
Series F, Acts of 1903	13,000 00	11,000 00
Series G, Acts of 1903	12,000 00	10,000 00
Series H, Acts of 1903	14,000 00	13,000 00
Series 1911, A, Acts of 1903	8,500 00	8,500 00
Series 1911, B, Acts of 1903	3,100 00	3,100 00
Series December 30, 1911, Acts of 1903	4,000 00	4,000 00
Series May 1, 1912, Acts of 1903	8,000 00	2,750 00
Series September 1, 1912, Acts of 1903	2,646 00	2,646 00
Series December 1, 1912, Acts of 1903	700 00	700 00
Series July 1, 1913, Acts of 1913	7,500 00	5,000 00
Series October 1, 1914, Acts of 1913	22,700 00	11,700 00
Series May 1, 1915, Acts of 1913	24,000 00	8,000 00
Series May 1, 1916, Acts of 1913	29,150 00	10,500 00
Series November 1, 1916, Acts of 1913	9,200 00	3,700 00
Series May 1, 1917, Acts of 1913	6,500 00	3,000 00
Series 1920, Acts of 1920	13,000 00	3,000 00
Series 1921, Acts of 1920	42,000 00	4,000 00
Series 1922, Acts of 1920	18,300 00	1,300 00
Series 1923, Acts of 1920	9,000 00	Nothing
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	\$431,296 00	\$202,496 00
Series Bonds and Notes outstanding		228,800 00
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		\$431,296 00

Sewer Bonds and Notes Due in 1924.

Series A, Acts of 1902	\$3,000 00
Series B, Acts of 1902	100 00
Series C, Acts of 1902	1,000 00
Series D, Acts of 1902	500 00
Series F, Acts of 1903	1,000 00
Series G, Acts of 1903	1,000 00
Series H, Acts of 1903	1,000 00
Series May 1, 1912, Acts of 1903	250 00
Series July 1, 1913, Acts of 1913	500 00
Series October 1, 1914, Acts of 1913	1,000 00
Series May 1, 1915, Acts of 1913	1,000 00
Series 1916, Acts of 1913	2,000 00
Series 1917, Acts of 1913	500 00
Series 1920, Acts of 1920	1,000 00
Series 1921, Acts of 1920	2,000 00
Series 1922, Acts of 1920	1,000 00
Series 1923, Acts of 1920	1,000 00
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	\$17,850 00

Town Debt December 31, 1923.

Permanent Improvement Bonds	\$291,900 00	
Water Bonds	272,100 00	
Sewer Bonds	228,800 00	
	<hr/>	\$792,800 00
Less Water Sinking Fund		125,147 18
		<hr/>
Net Debt		<u>\$667,652 82</u>

General Debt Statement Indicating the Borrowing Capacity,
as of December 31, 1923.

Total Bonded Debt		\$792,800 00
<i>Less.</i>		
Water Debt	\$272,100 00	
Sewer Debt	228,800 00	
	<hr/>	500,900 00
		<hr/>
Net Debt		<u>\$291,900 00</u>

Val. 1921, less abatements, \$15,614,834 64	
Val. 1922, less abatements, 16,731,492 78	
Val. 1923, less abatements, 17,688,375 11	
Gross three years' valuation	\$50,034,702 53
Average valuation	\$16,678,234 17

Three per cent. of average valuation	\$500,347 00
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<i>Less.</i>	
Net Debt	291,900 00
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Borrowing capacity	<u>\$208,447 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. LIBBY,
Town Treasurer.

Report of the Trust Fund Commissioners

Joanna Morse Library Fund.

Balance, January 1, 1923		
Principal	\$5,196 00	
Income accrued	1,716 89	
	<hr/>	\$6,912 89
Dividends		332 22
		<hr/>
Total		\$7,245 11
Less withdrawals		398 49
		<hr/>
Balance, December 31, 1923		<u><u>\$6,846 62</u></u>

Ellen R. Whittle Library Fund.

Principal, January 1, 1923	\$2,000 00	
Income accrued	338 40	
	<hr/>	\$2,338 40
Dividends		99 14
		<hr/>
Balance, December 31, 1923		<u><u>\$2,437 54</u></u>

Mary L. Thomson Library Fund.

Balance, January 1, 1923		
Principal	\$1,000 00	
Income accrued	245 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,245 75
Dividends		59 84
		<hr/>
Balance December 31, 1923		<u><u>\$1,305 59</u></u>

Fund for Perpetual Care of Cemetery Lots.

Balance, January 1, 1923	\$14,524 28	
Deposits and transfers	5,420 65	
	<hr/>	\$19,944 93
Dividends		680 85
		<hr/>
		\$20,625 78
Less withdrawals, care of lots		239 00
		<hr/>
Balance, December 31, 1923		<u>\$20,386 78</u>

A. Frank Nesbitt, General Cemetery Fund.

Transferred to Fund for Perpetual care of Cemetery Lots in accordance with Chapter 176 of the Special Acts of 1916.

A. Frank Nesbitt, Private Cemetery Fund.

Transferred to Fund for Perpetual Care of Cemetery Lots in accordance with Chapter 176 of the Special Acts of 1916.

Municipal Insurance Fund.

Balance, January 1, 1923		
Principal	\$3,500 00	
Income accrued	783 94	
	<hr/>	\$4,283 94
Dividends		185 26
		<hr/>
Balance, December 31, 1923		<u>\$4,469 20</u>

Phillips School Medal Fund.

Balance, January 1, 1923		
Principal	\$1,000 00	
Income accrued	941 52	
	<hr/>	\$1,941 52
Dividends		89 92
		<hr/>
		\$2,031 44
Less withdrawals for medals		35 64
		<hr/>
Balance, December 31, 1923		<u>\$1,995 80</u>

Chlotilda Farrar Fund for Perpetual Care of Cemetery Flower Bed.

Transferred to Fund for Perpetual Care of Cemetery Lots in accordance with Chapter 176 of the Special Acts of 1916.

High School Alumni Fund (see note)

Balance, January 1, 1923		
Principal	\$1,795 95	
Additions to Principal		
Received from Swampscott		
Woman's Club	\$100 00	
Received from Swampscott		
High School Dramatic Club	52 36	
Received from Swampscott		
High School Class of 1923	50 00	
	<hr/>	202 36
Total Principal	<hr/>	\$ 1,998 31
 Income accrued	\$648 87	
Dividends during 1923	109 06	
	<hr/>	\$757 93
 Less		
Withdrawal, payment made on account of		
Scholarship awarded by Executive Com-		
mittee of High School Alumni Asso-		
ciation	100 00	
	<hr/>	657 93
 Balance, December 31, 1923		<hr/> <hr/> \$2,656 24

Note.—This is not a town of Swampscott trust fund as defined by Chapter 282 of the General Acts of 1915, but is held by the Town Treasurer as Trustee for the Swampscott High School Alumni. It is included in this report in order that the members of the High School Alumni may be kept informed of its existence.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Trust Fund Commissioners,
JAMES W. LIBBY.

Treasurer of Trust Fund Commissioners
and Custodian of all its funds and securi-
ties, as provided for by Chapter 282 of
the General Acts of 1915.

NATHAN G. BUBIER,

HENRY S. BALDWIN,

Trust Fund Commissioners.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

Report of Board of Assessors

To the Citizens of Swampscott.

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year 1923:—

The real estate valuation April 1, 1923, was \$16,158,425, an increase over the previous year (1922) of \$836,913. The valuation of personal estate assessed by the local Assessors April 1, 1923, was \$1,526,754, an increase over the previous year (1922) of \$112,332.

Total valuation of the town April 1, 1923, was \$17,685,179, an increase over the previous year (1922) of \$949,245. The appropriation and overlay raised in 1923 by taxation, transfers, and receipts was \$593,874.72, an increase over the previous year (1922) of \$56,848.98.

The increase of \$1.00 on the Tax rate was caused by the loss in revenue from the bank tax, and an increase in the appropriations.

In order to keep the present tax rate of \$26 per \$1000 the appropriation for 1924 must not be increased to any extent over 1923.

The new plans of the town were completed this year. They were compiled by the Town Engineer, Wallace W. Platt, under the jurisdiction of Clarence B. Humphrey of the Board of Assessors. The town now has as good a set of property plans as any city or town in the State. The plans are a great help to the Assessors in assessing property, and also to the citizens who are locating property they wish to purchase, or to be assessed to them.

This year the Assessors hope to have a street book completed that will show every piece of property located on every street in town.

For departmental expenses we recommend an appropriation of \$3,100 for the fiscal year 1924.

EDWARD A. MAXFIELD,
CLARENCE B. HUMPHREY,
JOHN B. EARP.

Board of Assessors.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

ASSESSORS' PROPERTY REPORT.

Valuation of the town of Swampscott April 1, 1923. Table of aggregate of polls, property, and taxes assessed April 1, 1923.

Number of residents assessed on property	2,530
Number of firms, corporations, etc., assessed on property	55
Number of non-residents assessed on property	395

Number of non-residents firms, corporations, etc., assessed on property	28
Number of persons assessed on property	3,008
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only	1,234
Total number of persons assessed	4,242
Number of male polls assessed	2,413
Value of assessed personal estate	\$1,526,754
Value of assessed buildings, excluding land	9,636,880
Value of assessed land, excluding buildings	6,520,545
Total value of assessed real estate	16,157,425
Total value of assessed estates	17,684,179
Number of dwelling houses assessed	1,924

Taxes for State, County and Town Purposes.

On personal estate	\$39,695 54
On real estate	420,093 05
On polls	12,065 00
Total tax	471,853 59
Tax rate per \$1,000	26 00
	\$238,892 92

Statistics of the Town of Swampscott, 1881-1923

ASSESSORS' VALUATION APRIL 1.					JANUARY 1.	
YEAR.	REAL ESTATE	PERSONAL PROPERTY	TOTAL VALUATION	RATE TAXES PER \$1,000	YEAR.	NOTES PAYABLE
1923	\$16,157,425	\$1,526,754	\$17,684,179	\$26.00	1924	\$291,900.00
1922	15,321,512	1,414,422	16,735,934	25.00	1923	343,900.00
1921	14,226,510	1,391,298	15,617,808	24.00	1922	341,500.00
1920	14,007,916	1,316,938	15,324,854	23.00	1921	344,100.00
1919	12,771,170	1,179,422	13,950,592	20.00	1920	236,600.00
1918	12,619,556	1,110,776	13,730,332	20.00	1919	251,750.00
1917	12,141,321	1,000,682	13,142,003	20.00	1918	312,000.00
1916	11,532,432	4,928,181	16,460,513	20.00	1917	330,800.00
1915	10,810,305	5,028,193	15,838,498	17.80	1916	363,900.00
1914	10,508,225	3,531,119	14,039,344	16.80	1915	344,100.00
1913	10,028,325	3,174,590	13,202,915	16.40	1914	293,500.00
1912	9,413,525	2,974,381	12,387,906	16.00	1913	276,600.00
1911	9,050,850	2,771,167	11,822,017	15.00	1912	273,150.00
1910	8,489,200	2,698,340	11,187,540	15.00	1911	194,639.00
1909	7,675,905	2,450,021	10,125,926	16.00	1910	184,295.00
1908	7,312,165	2,680,490	9,992,655	16.00	1909	191,295.00
1907	7,099,090	2,317,468	9,317,468	14.50	1908	176,420.00
1906	6,303,625	2,093,820	8,397,445	14.50	1907	167,320.00
1905	6,030,185	2,117,442	8,147,627	14.50	1906	151,320.00
1904	5,489,121	2,206,172	7,695,293	12.90	1905	110,020.00
1903	5,135,124	4,286,981	6,422,105	11.50	1904	114,770.00
1902	4,762,665	1,744,874	6,507,539	12.00	1903	75,270.00
1901	4,668,985	1,598,745	6,267,730	12.00	1902	70,600.00
1900	4,446,900	1,138,275	5,585,175	11.00	1901	68,100.00
1899	4,200,175	1,199,045	5,399,220	11.50	1900	64,300.00
1898	4,135,582	1,318,591	5,454,173	14.00	1899	59,000.00
1897	3,997,975	1,304,163	5,302,138	12.00	1898	71,000.09
1896	3,896,059	1,245,245	5,141,304	12.00	1897	78,250.00
1895	3,756,900	1,444,947	5,201,847	12.00	1896	84,500.00
1894	3,619,525	1,529,675	5,149,200	11.00	1895	66,333.30
1893	3,439,975	1,649,953	5,989,928	11.00	1894	71,166.66
1892	3,271,279	1,504,170	4,775,449	10.00	1893	37,499.90
1891	3,122,350	1,771,373	4,893,723	10.00	1892	42,333.36
1890	3,001,550	1,857,777	4,859,327	10.00	1891	48,666.66
1889	2,585,431	1,453,301	4,038,732	8.40	1890	52,500.00
1888	2,465,256	1,501,530	3,966,792	8.50	1889	56,000.00
1887	2,417,556	1,288,498	3,706,054	8.00	1888	57,500.00
1886	2,383,055	1,275,405	3,658,460	9.50	1887	55,500.00
1885	2,365,280	1,130,863	3,496,143	9.00	1886	47,500.00
1884	2,371,610	1,135,215	3,506,825	11.00	1885	49,000.00
1883	2,259,855	1,589,566	3,849,411	8.50	1884	50,500.00
1882	2,228,330	1,264,938	3,493,268	6.00	1883	49,000.00
1881	2,121,080	807,159	2,928,239	7.20	1882	30,500.00

Report of Collector of Taxes

Philip E. Bessom, Collector of Taxes, in Account Current with the
Town of Swampscott.

1923

DR.

State tax	\$32,280 00
County tax	30,542 53
Charles River Basin tax	1,781 70
Metropolitan Park tax	9,937 73
State Highway tax	472 05
Municipal Account tax	821 92
Sewer assessment	788 93
Sidewalk assessment	2,332 68
Moth tax	1,851 75
Town tax	378,952 66
Overlay	5,000 00
Poll tax	12,065 00
Poll tax (supplementary)	85 00
Supplementary tax	223 60
Supplementary sidewalk assessment	85 84
Supplementary sewer assessment	17 44
Interest on taxes at 6 percent. from October 15. 1923, to January 1, 1924	155 90
	\$477,394 73

CR.

Cash paid on moth tax	\$1,639 75
Cash paid on sidewalk assessment	1,275 50
Cash paid on sewer assessment	329 99
Cash paid on poll tax	10,645 00
Cash paid on taxes	402,283 70
Cash paid on interest on taxes from October 15, 1923, to January 1, 1924	155 90
Abatement on taxes poll	1,275 00
Abatement on taxes	3,443 74
Uncollected moth taxes	212 00
Uncollected sidewalk assessment	1,143 02
Uncollected sewer assessment	476 38
Uncollected poll taxes	230 00
Uncollected taxes	54,284 75
	\$477,394 73

WATER SERVICES, 1921.

DR.

Water rates		\$400 18
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CR.

Cash paid	\$119 64
Abatements	18 83
Uncollected	261 71

\$400 18

1922

DR.

Water rates		\$6,242 91
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CR.

Cash paid	\$5,639 83
Abatements	25 90
Uncollected	577 18

\$6,242 91

1923

DR.

Water rates		\$55,283 18
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CR.

Cash paid	\$44,636 58
Abatements	175 70
Uncollected	10,470 90

\$55,283 18

WATER SERVICES, 1922.

DR.

Water service		\$641 63
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CR.

Cash paid	\$409 18
Uncollected	232 45

\$641 63

WATER SERVICES, 1923.

DR.

Water service		\$3,871 74
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CR.

Cash paid	\$2,940 79
Abatements	10 00
Uncollected	1,920 95

\$3,871 74

RENTS, MISCELLANEOUS, 1923.

DR.

Rents		\$1,192 90
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CR.

Cash paid	\$535 00
Uncollected	657 90

\$1,192 90

Report of Park Commissioners

To the Citizens of Swampscott:

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the Park Commissioners for the year ending December 31, 1923.

The organization of the board has been the same as that of the previous year, James T. Lyons, Chairman, and Stuart P. Ellis, Secretary.

Monument Avenue Parkway.

The manner in which the grounds included in this reservation have been kept the past year has been the subject of much favorable comment. Although the services of a caretaker are required almost continually on the grounds, the results obtained seem to justify the expense, and the parkway continues to be a most attractive entrance to a large and growing section of the town.

Jackson Park.

The past year has seen considerable improvement in this park. Early in the spring a start was made on the grading of the newly acquired strip of land on the westerly border of the field, fronting on Essex street. The entire area was levelled to the grade of the ball field, covered with loam and seeded. By midsummer this presented a fine appearance and the additional space thus gained proved its value during the season of baseball and football. Larger numbers of spectators attended these games than in any year previously and the grounds are gradually being improved to a point where they will compare favorably with other well kept parks in this vicinity.

The toboggan slide continues to provide great enjoyment to old and young, and with good winter conditions, hundreds of people gather here daily to watch or to participate in the sport. Some little amount of underbrush is cleared out yearly in the wooded sections of the park, in order to give opportunity for unrestricted growth for the several thousand pine trees which have been planted in the past few years.

Abbott Park.

This plot should be improved the coming year by regrading with loam a large portion of the field. The grass has almost entirely disappeared and only by the addition of loam and seed can the exposed surface of the clay subsoil be covered and the former condition restored. For the first time since these grounds have been flooded for skating purposes has a remedy been applied for preventing leakage of water through the drains. By the installation of traps in the catch-basins on the grounds, it has been found that the water is all saved in the flooded area, and a solidly frozen field has resulted.

The fact that this park provides a perfectly safe skating pond for children, accounts for the large numbers who daily and nightly are seen here when the weather conditions are favorable.

Blaney Beach Reservation.

The bathing beach was visited by more people in 1923 than in any

previous year. On every favorable day it was used and enjoyed by a large throng. The safety and comfort of this large number of people was entrusted to Dr. N. R. Martin, and by reason of the tact and good judgment displayed by him, no complaints were registered with the Commissioners during the season.

A small row boat was purchased for the use of the beach patrol, and this has proved its worth in the added feeling of security given to the bathers. By the courtesy of the Massachusetts Humane Society several life-preservers were added to the equipment of the beach and bathing raft. Frequent removal of sea weed and refuse has been necessary in order that a clean and wholesome condition may prevail during the bathing season.

Phillips Park.

This spot has received more than its usual share of attention the past year, and the attention of the citizens has been brought more forcibly than ever to the fact that by the expenditure of a moderate amount each year, this park can be made an enjoyable place for the enjoyment of hundreds of our townspeople.

Several hundred cubic yards of loam were spread on the field, which after seeding and rolling, produced a very good surface, this being much appreciated by the large number of people resorting here for the ball games. For the first time in the history of the park the grass was kept cut by lawn mowers and all summer presented the appearance of a well kept lawn.

A large area of the low land was cleared of brush and stumps and can be made available for early use by a moderate amount of filling. The Commissioners deem it advisable to close the public dump now being used in this park. The privilege of dumping here has been so abused, and so little good filling material is gained, that we do not see any economy for the town in the daily expense necessary to keep the place in a presentable condition.

Large quantities of garbage were placed here last summer, this being done after the daily working hours; an immense amount of loose paper and brush, together with old boilers and bed springs, none of which we regard as suitable material for the proper development of the grounds. Add to this the smoke and noxious odors of continuous dump fires and a condition is created which we propose to abate. The grounds adjacent to the portable building which has been erected on the park should be improved by grading and planting, and a fence erected to prevent any further dumping at this point. The need is apparent for some sort of seating facilities, as at present there is not even a clean grass plot on the bank next to the street where men and women may comfortably view the ball games.

For the maintenance and improvement of the parks during the ensuing year we recommend the appropriation of \$8,760.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. LYONS,
STUART P. ELLIS,
ARCHIBALD MILLER.

Park Commissioners.

Report of the Zoning Committee

To the Citizens of Swampscott:

In the town report of 1922 the Board of Selectmen called the attention of the citizens to the provisions of the statutes relating to zoning, and subsequently, at the annual meeting, under Article 45 in the warrant, the moderator was instructed to appoint a committee to study the advisability of dividing the town into zones or districts, and to limit buildings according to their use or construction. The committee did not organize until late in November, but since that time it has held meetings each Tuesday evening, has investigated to some extent the work done by other towns and cities along these lines, and has tried, by holding meetings in each precinct, to get the sentiment of the property owners in regard to this law.

Each town, depending upon its age and its location, has problems which are sometimes local, and at other times must be considered in conjunction with its neighbors.

Our present problem is purely local. Swampscott has rapidly developed from a small fishing village to a purely residential town, and, due to the foresight of a few men, and to the fact that these men controlled large tracts of land they, without the assistance of town by-laws, developed these tracts along very creditable lines.

The Phillips holdings at the eastern end of the town, together with the large holdings of the properties formerly known as the Mudge and Stetson estates, made possible developments that can only be accomplished when large areas are to be considered and developed as one. Their work was further enhanced by the employment of experienced engineers and landscape architects.

These properties now developed are all occupied by substantial residences and the streets contain all of the services required in a modern town or city. The restrictions which were placed upon these lands for periods of from ten to thirty years are gradually expiring, so that we are now confronted with the condition that in certain sections business is encroaching upon residential districts.

It seems to your Committee that its real purpose is to find out what the sentiment of its citizens is in regard to keeping the conditions in Swampscott substantially as they are today, and, except where needed, to keep the small business stores where they belong and not allow them to creep into a well settled residential street, thereby not only being a blot on the street itself but having a tendency to lower the value of the street for residential purposes.

The town readily adapts itself to be divided into three districts:

1. Single Residence District.
2. General Residence District.
3. Business District.

The regulations which would be applied to these districts are more fully set forth in a tentative set or draft of zoning by-laws submitted herewith, the adoption of which the Committee recommends. These regulations and the zoning map which accompanies this report have been prepared after a study of conditions now existing, and is to be considered as tentative only and subject to amendment or revision as facts develop through further publicity or hearings.

The committee has not had sufficient opportunity to study the area designated on the accompanying map as "1" and therefore **recommends** that it be continued in power with instructions to consider the needs of this district and report thereon at a subsequent meeting with such recommendations as it feels should be made.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARENCE B. HUMPHREY,
HENRY S. BALDWIN,
JAMES W. SANTRY,
JAMES L. TAYLOR,
MARTIN L. QUINN,
ERNEST M. FOLGER, *Secretary.*

Zoning By-Law

ARTICLE I.

Authorization and Division.

By virtue and in pursuance of the powers delegated by Section 25 to Section 33, inclusive, of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, the Town of Swampscott is divided into the following districts, viz., 2. General Residence District; 3. Single Residence District.

ARTICLE 2.

General Residence District.

In District 2, except as herein otherwise provided, no building shall be used, and no building shall be erected or altered which is intended or designed to be used for a store or shop, or for manufacturing or commercial purposes, or any other purpose except one or more of the following:

1. Residence for not more than two families.
2. Boarding, rooming, or lodging house.
3. Church.
4. Public school or other municipal building.
5. Private school, library, museum, or other building of an educational character.
6. Club, except a club which carries on a business or is in the nature of a business.
7. Park, playground, or community purpose.
8. Farm, market garden, nursery, or greenhouse.
9. Private garage with provision for not more than two motor vehicles.
10. Private stable with provision for not more than two horses.
11. Such accessory purposes as are customarily incident to the foregoing purposes, and are not injurious to a neighborhood as a place of residence, but such accessory purposes shall not include any business, industry, trade, manufacturing or commercial purpose.

ARTICLE 3.

Single Residence District.

In District 3, except as herein otherwise provided, no building shall be used, and no building shall be erected or altered which is intended or designed to be used for a store or shop, or for manufacturing or commercial purposes, or any other purpose except one or more of the following:

1. Residence for a single family.
2. Church.
3. Public school or other municipal building.

4. Private school, library, museum, or other building of an educational character.
5. Club, except a club which carries on a business or is in the nature of a business.
6. Park, playground, or community purpose.
7. Farm, market garden, nursery, or greenhouse.
8. Private garage with provision for not more than two motor vehicles.
9. Private stable with provision for not more than two horses.
10. Such accessory purposes as are customarily incident to the foregoing purposes, and are not injurious to a neighborhood as a place for single family residences, but such accessory purposes shall not include any business, industry, trade, manufacturing, or commercial purpose.

ARTICLE 4.

Business Districts.

In those areas in District 2 and indicated on the accompanying map in solid black, buildings may be used for business purposes provided that, in each case, after a public hearing of which fourteen days' notice shall be given in such manner as the Board of Selectmen may prescribe, said Board shall determine that the purpose for which the building is sought to be used will not be substantially detrimental to the use of property in the vicinity thereof.

ARTICLE 5.

Existing Buildings.

Any building or part of a building which, at the time of the adoption of this by-law, is being used for a purpose forbidden by the provisions of articles two and three may continue to be used for the same purpose or for a purpose not substantially different in character. Any such building or part of a building and any addition thereto made by permission of the Selectmen as hereinafter provided may be structurally altered or added to at any time provided the alterations or additions do not substantially enlarge the part of the building used for such purpose; and any such building or part of a building or such addition which is partially or wholly destroyed by fire or other casualty may be repaired or replaced by a structure of substantially the same size and character and used for the purpose for which it was formerly used or for a purpose not substantially different in character.

Any such building may be added to or enlarged at any time and such addition or enlargement used for the purpose for which the original building may lawfully be used under the provisions of the foregoing paragraph of this section provided, in each case, that, after a public hearing of which fourteen days' notice shall be given in such manner as the Selectmen may decide, the Selectmen shall determine that such addition or enlargement and the use to be made thereof will not to any substantial degree be detrimental to the use of other property in the vicinity thereof.

ARTICLE 6.**Zoning Map.**

The Zoning Map, prepared by W. W. Pratt, town engineer, dated January, 1924, bearing the signatures of the Zoning Committee and showing the boundaries of each district and the designation of each district by means of a numeral is declared to be a part of this by-law.

ARTICLE 7.**Setback Distance in General Residence District.**

In District 2 no new buildings except those described in Article 4 shall be constructed and no building shall be altered, enlarged, extended, reconstructed, raised, or moved so that any external wall is located nearer than ten feet to any street line.

ARTICLE 8.**Setback Distance in Single Residence District.**

In District 3 no new building shall be constructed and no building shall be altered, enlarged, extended, reconstructed, raised or moved so that any external wall is located nearer than twenty feet to any street line.

ARTICLE 9.**Enforcement.**

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this by-law shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars for each violation. Upon any well founded information from any citizen that this by-law is being violated, or upon his own initiative, the Inspector of Buildings shall take immediate steps to enforce the by-law.

ARTICLE 10.**Validity.**

The invalidity of any section or provision of this by-law shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof.

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ZONING
MAP OF THE TOWN
OF

SWAMPSCOTT
MASSACHUSETTS -

TO ACCOMPANY REPORT OF
ZONING COMMITTEE 1924.

-LEGEND-

- 1 Unrestricted, except Building Laws.
- 2 General Resident District.
- 3 Single Resident District.

Districts now occupied and hereafter reserved for business purposes shown thus 

Report of Board of Selectmen

General Remarks.

To the Citizens of Swampscott:

Although more than five years have passed since the Armistice, the nations of the world are still struggling to adjust themselves to a condition of normal peace. Progress has been made in the reconstruction of cities, towns and industries in the war-torn areas, but the tremendous problems of reparations and payment of war debts still remain unsolved. Great efforts are being made by those in Government throughout the world to relieve the burden of taxation which is not only interfering with friendly and economic relations between nations, but is hindering the normal and natural progress of our affairs.

For the first time, even though unofficially, the United States is taking part in a movement to budget Germany's expenses and to determine how much she can pay. In our own country the Coolidge administration has undertaken a revision of taxes, which, if accomplished, will work to the great benefit of all classes of people.

A program of retrenchment has just been announced by Governor Cox, which indicates a possible saving in expenditures for 1924 of over \$9,000,000.00. In the light of these real efforts which are being made for the benefit of the taxpayer, it is clearly the duty of every municipality to do its part.

For a number of years it has been the policy of the Board, in preparing its annual report, to budget all regular items of expense, thus making it possible to see, at a glance, what each department plans to do in the coming year, and, in the main, how money is to be spent. The Town has been fortunate in having intelligent and efficient Finance Committees, which have yearly done their best to study the financial problems of the Town by considering departmental estimates together, and making logical recommendations for reductions in various items of expense where these seem warranted.

Given a carefully prepared budget and a good Finance Committee, the Town has the necessary machinery to work out the details of tax reduction and readjustment to bring about normal conditions.

With the high standards of living which obtain in the Town of Swampscott, the present tax rate is not excessive. It is, however, steadily rising, and care must be exercised in order to maintain the healthy financial condition of our Town.

In 1924 Swampscott is called upon to pay \$96,027.80 as her share of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium, at Middleton, together with a maintenance assessment for 1923, amounting to \$3,876.37. With payments

on principal and interest, the hospital will this year cost the Town over \$12,600. The principal can be borrowed for twenty years which simply means that the hospital will cause a heavy draft for many years to come. Reference will be made to this subject elsewhere in the Report.

If the Finance Committee, after carefully studying the budget, can recommend a reduction of 10% in the amount to be raised by taxation, and if their report is accepted by the voters, it will mean a substantial reduction in the tax rate.

The Board will co-operate with the Finance Committee to this end, and at the same time strongly urges all citizens to carefully read and study the Town Report. This book, the publication of which is required by statute, contains the reports of all Departments, together with complete information regarding the finances of the Town. This must be distributed seven days before the opening of the annual meeting. It is the duty of every citizen to endeavor to prepare for intelligent action at the annual meeting, and its adjourned sessions, as this is the safeguard which is provided by the Town meeting form of government, to regulate the amount of expenditures and, therefore, the rate of taxation for the ensuing year.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

Bonds of Town Officers.

Bonds of the following officers are given by the American Surety Company of New York, in the amounts stated:

James W. Libby, Town Treasurer	\$30,000 00
James W. Libby, Treasurer Trust Fund	10,000 00
Philip E. Bessom, Collector of taxes	20,000 00
George D. R. Durkee, Water and Sewer Commissioner	6,000 00
Harold G. Enholm, Water and Sewer Commissioner	6,000 00
Charles E. Hodgdon, Water and Sewer Commissioner	6,000 00
Ralph D. Merritt, Town Clerk	1,000 00

Licenses.

Auctioneers:

George W. Foster	1	\$2 00
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Used car dealers' license	4	\$140 00
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Bowling alley:

James D. Bentley	1	\$2 00
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Carriages:

Harry Tirrell		
J. E. Burns		
W. H. Carroll		
J. W. Bruley		
Charles F. Bradstreet	5	\$7 00

Innholders:

E. R. Grabow Company		
J. A. Sherrard		
Daisy A. Perkins, Hotel Bellevue		

Express:

N. Zletz		
W. H. Carroll		
W. E. Shepherd		
J. W. Bruley	4	\$4 00

Junk dealers:

Louis Zletz		
Nathan Zletz		
Jacob Goldberg	3	\$225 00

Pool and billiards:

James D. Bentley	1	\$2 00
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Victuallers:

Mabel F. D. Bibb, 1008 State Road.
 Blaisdell Confectionery Co., 131 Humphrey Street.
 John H. Bryson, 29 Essex Street.
 Edward M. Gerould, State Road.
 George F. Grant, 410 Humphrey Street.
 Mary A. Smith, Corner Humphrey and Marshall Streets.
 George B. Watts, 60 Humphrey Street.
 Deer Cove Inn, Puritan Road.
 Nellie O. Carey, 1016 State Road.
 Peter Caracosta, 260 Humphrey Street.
 J. W. Himburg, 257 Humphrey Street.
 S. Sloan, 29 Essex Street.
 H. M. Macomber, 237 Burrill Street.

Permits Granted.

Under Chapter 5, Section 4, of the Town By-laws.

To sell material and to do work for the Town.

George D. R. Durkee,	James T. Lyons,
Loring Grimes, M. D.,	Archibald Miller,
C. W. Horton,	Stuart P. Ellis,
Everett P. Mudge	Frank E. Morrison.

Contract for Coal.

Liberty Coal & Supply Company:

Soft coal:	\$9 75 per ton.
Hard coal:	\$14 95 per ton.

Printing Town Reports.

Proposals for printing the Town Reports for the current year were advertised on the basis of 30 square inches to the page, 300 pages, and 2,500 copies. The following bids were received:—

	1,000 sq. in.	4,000 sq. in.	Balance
	6 point	8 point	Page
North Shore Press	\$0 10	\$0 06	\$1 80
Frank S. Whitten	10	08	2 00

The contract was awarded to the North Shore Press, the lower bidder. The reports were delivered promptly and in a satisfactory manner.

Public Buildings.

The following is a list of rents received from public buildings:

Town Hall	\$253 50
Tenement, 82 Burrill Street:	144 00

Although the Town Hall is used by citizens for many purposes, it will be seen that the amount of income from this is comparatively small. This is due to the policy of the Board, which has been carried out for a number of years, that no charge should be made when the hall is used for patriotic, religious, charitable or purely social purposes. The Town Hall is certainly a place where various organizations of the Town should be able to meet from time to time for purposes which have to do with the welfare of the community. On the other hand, a regular charge is made whenever the hall is used for private entertainments and profit.

The following contracts were received for painting the Grand Army Hall:

Foote Bros.	\$495 00
Henry B. Falls	425 00
J. E. Ralph	390 00
George Lampard	290 00

The contract was awarded to George Lampard, the lowest bidder.

In carrying out the vote of the Town to paint the Grand Army Hall, the Board specified the best materials obtainable. The light color scheme, which was adopted, gives a pleasing result, not only improving the Hall but the general appearance of the vicinity.

Contracts for Walks and Edgestones.

Proposals for granolithic walks and edgestones were advertised in accordance with chapter 5, section 1, of the bylaws, and the following bids were received:

	M. McDonough Company	D. J. Sheehan	M. Kelley Company
Straight curb, lin. ft.	\$1 47	\$1 70	\$1 80
Curved curb, lin. ft.	1 98	2 55	2 60
Granolithic sidewalk, sq. yd.	2 46	2 89	3 80
Parking, sq. ft.	15	15	32

The contract was awarded to M. McDonough Company, the lowest bidder.

CONTINUOUS SIDEWALKS.

Middlesex Avenue:	Burrill Street:
329.8 lin. ft. curbing.	136.2 sq. yds. granolithic.
416.0 sq. yd. granolithic.	315.8 sq. ft. parking.
1,041.4 sq. ft. parking.	Puritan Road:
New Ocean Street:	27.2 lin. ft. curved curbing.
166.4 sq. yds. granolithic.	Maple Avenue:
246.2 sq. ft. parking.	276.2 lin. ft. curbing.

Hampden Street:

99.3 lin. ft. curbing.

38.3 lin. ft. curved curbing.

Engine House:

108.0 sq. yds. granolithic.

Hardy Road:

16.0 lin. ft. curbing.

21.8 lin. ft. curved curbing.

Elmwood Road:

56.0 sq. yds. granolithic.

161.0 sq. ft. parking.

Corner of Burrill and Paradise Road:

36.5 sq. yards granolithic.

In the opinion of the Board it is wise to extend the construction of granolithic sidewalks and edgestone by a certain amount each year, under the continuous sidewalk Act. The amount of \$7,000 is, therefore, recommended for this purpose.

In addition to the regular amount for continuous sidewalks, the Board feels that it would be advisable to make a special appropriation to cover the construction of granolithic sidewalk, parking and edgestones on Stetson Avenue between the railroad bridge and Essex Street. This is a much used and important thoroughfare, leading directly to Essex Street and the cemetery, and it would be desirable to make this improvement on one side at least during the present year.

Town Engineer, W. W. Pratt, estimates that it would cost \$6,405. for the purpose of constructing granolithic walks, parking and edgestone on the east side of Stetson Avenue, for a distance of about 1,701 feet, commencing at the railroad bridge.

Street Lighting.

The following is a list of street lights for the year 1923:

Arc lights	107
Incandescent lights	350
Floodlights	2

The actual cost of all street lights for the year 1923 was \$16,969.10.

The contract between the Town and the Lynn Gas & Electric Company provides for all-night every-night street lighting, on the basis of \$90.00 per annum for each arc lamp, and \$20.00 for incandescent lamps. This contract continues in force until July 1, 1927.

It is recommended that the sum of \$18,000.00 be appropriated for street lighting for 1924.

Traffic Control.

The Town of Swampscott, being located in a place of great natural beauty and directly in the path of motor travel along the North Shore, must give special attention to the problem of motor traffic. This has been done by the Board for a number of years, in authorizing the Police Department to place traffic officers at important crossings of the main arteries of travel at such times of the day and night as conditions required. This policy has insured not only the safety of our citizens, but also of motorists, no serious accidents having occurred

at street crossings. In addition, floodlights and signal lights have also been provided to guide traffic when officers were not present.

During the present year, unfortunately, a controversy was brought about by the Chief of Police in placing two flashlights, of great weight, size and cost, at the so-called "S" curve, without legal authority. This matter has been thoroughly discussed and will not be reviewed. The lights were removed by order of the Board, and have not been replaced.

Recently, however, a claim has been made by the manufacturers of the lights against the Town for payment, on the ground that they were authorized by the Special Town Meeting of July 24. As the action taken by this meeting was illegal, and as no money was actually appropriated for the purpose of buying lights, the Board advised the American Gas Accumulator Company, of Elizabeth, N. J., of the facts.

Owing to the objectionable features of the gas traffic lights for this crossing, together with the high cost of installation, amounting to some \$600 for the two lights, a letter was written the Lynn Gas & Electric Company, under date of July 16, suggesting that they supply electric flash traffic signals to the Town wherever desired, on the same basis as illuminating lights, which are used throughout the Town, and without charge for the lamps and bases. This plan they agreed to in writing, quoting a price of \$32.50 per annum for current. Responsibility for the care and replacement of the posts and lamps would rest with the Lynn Gas & Electric Company.

It is clear that should traffic flashlights be required at any future time in the Town, that this plan should be adopted, as it would mean a saving of hundreds of dollars in first cost, and would insure a reliable light, which would not require the attention of the employees of the town.

Sign Posts.

Acting under Section 1 of chapter 85 of the General Laws the Surveyor of Highways has, with the approval of the Board, placed sign posts at all highways entering the town. These show to the tourist the State and also the name of the city or town on each side of the post, with suitable directional arrows. These are not only convenient for those using motor cars, but with the great increase of traffic on our highways and the police problems involved in the apprehension of offenders against the law, sign posts of this kind are considered necessary to protect the interests of the town.

The signs are artistic in design, and of cast iron, painted black, with raised white letters, which can be repainted when necessary. The signs are supported on heavy iron posts, set in cement, and will add much to the convenience of the safety of our citizens.

Ten sign posts were installed. These were made by the Lebanon Machine Company, and cost the town \$223.00.

Test of Road Oils and Asphalt.

During the year the town buys large quantities of dust-laying oils and asphalt for use on the roads. Proposals are advertised each year, and the contract is awarded to the lowest bidder for the various grades

of oil and tar. As no means have been available in the past to insure that the material purchased is the same as contracted for, the Board conferred with the Surveyor of Highways, and arrangements were made, to have each lot given a complete test and analysis by the firm of Messrs. Skinner, Sherman & Esselen, of Boston, chemists, with whom Mr. G. J. Esselen, of Swampscott, is connected.

The necessary number of tests were made and certificates issued, based upon which the material was accepted and paid for.

The Board considers this a very important step in advance, as the Town is not only assured of full value for the amount spent, but also avoids serious difficulties which frequently follow the use of improper oils and tar in road construction.

Rule to Limit Opening of Streets in Winter.

On December 14, 1923, the Board adopted the following rule:

"That no openings in streets shall be made, except in case of an emergency, before April 1, 1924."

The object of this regulation is to prevent, except in cases of emergency, the excavation of our streets and sidewalks while there is frost in the ground. By a little forethought and planning on the part of citizens, work of this kind can be done during the warm months, thus avoiding much trouble and expense to the departments of the Town in filling and resurfacing work done when the ground is frozen.

The Board finds that this is a provision adopted by most well-regulated towns and cities.

Zoning.

In the last report of the Board, on Page 193, the subject of zoning the Town was discussed briefly, and it was recommended that a committee should be named for the purpose of studying the proposition and reporting at a later meeting. A committee was named, consisting of: H. S. Baldwin, E. M. Folger, C. E. Humphrey, M. L. Quinn, J. W. Santry, J. L. Taylor. Mr. Clarence B. Humphrey was later chosen chairman, and Mr. Ernest M. Folger clerk.

A full report on this very important subject will be found elsewhere.

Burpee Road.

Proposals were advertised for the construction of a portion of Burpee Road, and the following bids received:—

Leighton & Marino	\$4,987.00
M. McDonough Company	5,175.00

Contract was awarded to Leighton & Marino, the lower bidder.

This is a matter which has been before the Town for some time, and completes Burpee Road, which was laid out and developed at the time the Machon School was built in 1920.

The Board found it possible to blast out the much-discussed ledge and give a straight roadway of uniform width within the appropriation. This is an important improvement and gives an access to the Mountain Park section from Essex Street and is also of great convenience for the children attending the Machon School.

The work was carried out promptly, and in a satisfactory manner by the contractors.

Middlesex Avenue.

In accordance with the vote of the Town, the long delayed work of closing that part of Middlesex Avenue, lying between the Clarke School and the Abbott playground, was carried through. An amount of \$1,200.00 was appropriated by the Town.

The proposals were advertised, and the following bids received:—

P. J. McDermott	\$1,320
J. T. Lyons	1,480
M. McDonough	1,700
O. Marino	1,875
M. Kelley & Company	2,687.50
Mayo Construction Company	2,739

Bid was awarded to P. J. McDermott, the lowest bidder.

The work was commenced in September, and completed in November.

When the matter was first proposed serious objection was raised by some of the residents in the neighborhood. As time went on, however, this objection diminished, and it is felt that the improvement and the greater safety to school children will offset any resulting inconvenience. The citizens living on Middlesex Avenue will at least be relieved of some of the heavy motor traffic which heretofore passed their doors.

The amount of the appropriation being insufficient, the Board requested the Finance Committee to transfer the sum of \$541.46 from the emergency fund, which was done.

Essex Street Improvement.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Board, the Town appropriated \$24,000 at the last annual meeting for the purpose of reconstructing that part of Essex Street between the freight yard and the Salem line. It was, however, voted that no work should be undertaken unless the State and County would contribute an equal amount, and with the additional provision that the City of Salem should construct a cement-concrete road of the same kind from the Swampscott line to Loring Avenue, at Vinnen Square.

The State and County stood ready to do their part, but although the Board urged the matter repeatedly before the Mayor and Council of Salem, and was assisted by the County Commissioners, it was impossible to obtain favorable action. The Board, nevertheless, endeavored to have the State and County proceed with the work to the Salem line. This effort also failed, as the State did not consider it advisable to do part of the work, leaving a connecting link unfinished.

In view of these circumstances, it was necessary to abandon the project for the year, but arrangements have been made by the Board, in writing, with the State and the County so that the work can be done in 1924, if Salem will do her part in this important improvement, which is of the greatest interest and value, not only to Swampscott

and Salem, but to all through-traffic, particularly for commercial trucks doing business between Boston and the North Shore.

Owing to the change in the statute affecting appropriations it will be necessary to rescind the former vote, and to insert a new article in the Warrant for the next annual meeting. This article is of particular interest to citizens living on the State Road, as it is expected that at least a part of the heavy motor trucking will be diverted to the Essex Street route when completed.

It is recommended that the amount of \$24,000.00 be appropriated for the purpose of cement-concrete construction of Essex Street from the freight yard to the Salem line.

New Streets.

On November 9 the Board of Selectmen, acting as a Board of Survey, held a meeting at Orchard Circle relative to the matter of accepting this street. All abutters were notified in the usual manner, and waivers signed.

There were no objectors to the layout, and the Board, therefore, approved this so that it may now be presented at the annual meeting for acceptance by the Town.

Taking of Methodist Church and Chick Property For School Purposes.

At the adjourned annual Town Meeting of April 3, 1923, the Board of Selectmen was instructed to take certain pieces of property adjoining the Hadley School, on Redington Street, for school purposes, and an amount of \$6,000 was appropriated.

The Board promptly called a conference of the owners of the property in question, Finance Committee, School Committee and Town Counsel. As a result it was found that the amount voted was entirely inadequate for the purpose. The Board, therefore, did not feel justified in proceeding with the taking until the matter had again been referred to the Town and the facts clearly presented. At the Special Meeting September 10, this was done by the Finance Committee, and no objection being raised to the increase necessary, the Board at once proceeded with the formal taking of the property and awarded damages. After the award was made conference between the Board and the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church resulted in an offer by the Trustees to accept \$7,000.00, with interest from October, 1923, in settlement.

The Board recommends the sum of \$7,210.00 be appropriated to pay for the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as described in the taking.

No estimate has been received from the owners of the Chick property, and the settlement of Mr. Chick's claim will, therefore, proceed in the usual manner.

In view of the new law, relating to borrowing money, it will be necessary to rescind the previous vote.

Stacey Brook.

Under article 38, of the last annual meeting, the Town voted the sum of \$9,500.00 to complete the cement-concrete culvert, which several years ago was undertaken jointly with the City of Lynn. The

section in question is about 570 feet in length, extending northerly from the present culvert at New Ocean Street to the Lynn culvert.

The matter was taken up by the Board promptly with the Mayor and the Commission on Ways and Drainage of Lynn, but as the annual budget had already been prepared and approved, it was decided to defer the work until 1924. The Board agreed to this.

Mayor McPhetres has recently assured the Board that the necessary funds had been included in the budget for 1924, and that Lynn stands ready to complete its part of the enterprise.

In view of the new statute relating to appropriations of this kind, it will be necessary to rescind the previous vote and again make an appropriation for the purpose. Suitable articles have been prepared, and will appear in the warrant.

It is strongly urged that this important project, which has been before the Town for many years, be disposed of at this time.

There is an unexpended balance of \$4,726.86 left over from the previous appropriation, which can be used for this work.

It is **recommended** that the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated for the purpose of constructing a culvert jointly with the City of Lynn; the expense to be borne in equal proportions, in accordance with the plans of Town Engineer, W. W. Pratt, and Engineer Vennard of the City of Lynn.

Railroad Underpass.

In September a petition was received by the Board, signed by a large number of citizens, requesting that they take up the matter of an underpass at the Station of the B. & M. R. R. in Swampscott with the Department of Public Utilities, with a view to having this very desirable improvement put through.

A hearing was granted on October 10, at which the Chairman of the Board appeared and presented a map showing the existing conditions and also the desired underpass. Serious objection was raised by the Counsel for the Boston & Maine Railroad, principally on the ground of cost and the inability of the Road to undertake any important projects.

On October 23 the Department of Public Utilities announced that under the conditions, it was not justified in ordering this work done.

The underpass would undoubtedly be a great convenience, and in time it is hoped that it will be put through by the Railroad, and also that a new station will be erected on the in-going side of the track.

There is an urgent demand for many improvements at this point, and it is felt that the Railroad will not only see that it is to their interest to effect these, but that necessary funds will be available.

Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Police Department.

For many years no adequate rules have been provided for the instruction of members of the Police Department as to their duties and responsibilities. The Board made a thorough investigation, and found that most important towns and all cities of the Commonwealth are provided with such rules. A number of these were obtained from towns and cities where conditions might be properly compared with Swampscott; and, after a careful study, a code was drawn up by the

Board. This not only governs the conduct, discipline and responsibility of all members of the Police Department, but also specifies uniform and equipment, and gives legal instructions, regarding arrests and court evidence, together with first-aid rules. These were adopted by the Board on June 8, and were put into convenient book form. To make this book more complete a new street directory was compiled, which not only located the streets but showed those which have been accepted by the Town. The directory was followed by a list giving the location of all fire-alarm boxes and special calls. These rules should be of the greatest value in increasing the efficiency of the Police Department by giving its members a full and definite knowledge of their duties.

As the street directory and list of fire-alarm boxes appeared to be in such convenient form for reference, the Board had several thousand of these printed without the police rules. These were sent to the citizens for their convenience. Additional copies can be obtained on application to the Clerk of the Board.

Forest Warden.

Everett P. Mudge was appointed Forest Warden for 1923, as provided by statute.

Gypsy Moth Department.

Everett P. Mudge was reappointed to superintend the gypsy moth work.

The Board recommends that the amount of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for the gypsy moth work for 1923.

Fire Department.

Acting under the statutes, the following Board of Fire Engineers was appointed on April 27, 1923: Thomas S. Leadbetter, Harry E. Hardy, Horace R. Parker.

Building Inspector.

At the meeting of March 2, John Lee was appointed Building Inspector for the ensuing year. He was later appointed Inspector of Smoke Nuisance.

Police Department.

Owing to the death of Ulysses M. Corson, who for many years had been Chief of the Police Department, the Board requested the Department of Civil Service to supply an eligible list to fill the vacancy. An examination was held and the following list submitted: Captain Eugene P. Brogan, 85.30; Patrolmen: William L. Quinn, 77.06; Albert L. Simpson, 71.50.

On January 26 the Board voted to appoint Patrolman William L. Quinn to be Chief of the Police Department, Selectmen Delano and Morrison in the affirmative, and Baldwin in the negative.

Law.

To the Board of Selectmen:

Swampscott, Mass.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my report as counsel for the town for the year 1923.

The petition of Moorfield Storey, et als, trustees of the Maria L. Phillips estate, against the town for the assessment of damages arising from the taking of easements in connection with the building of the eastern intercepting sewer, has been settled by the Water and Sewerage Board by an agreement to pay \$1,000. This will be submitted to the town for confirmation. The town was very fortunate in the construction of this sewer since the above sum is the only amount that will be paid for damages, although easements were taken in various other parcels of property. In my opinion this settlement is a reasonable one and I advise its confirmation by the town.

The subject of the cost and maintenance of the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital has occupied the attention of various officials of the town during the past year. The statute under which this Hospital was built required its cost and maintenance to be paid by cities and towns that had not at a certain date established such hospital facilities of their own. Representatives of municipalities upon which the expense falls have held various conferences during the past year to devise means of meeting this burden. Under the direction of the Board of Selectmen I have represented the town before a Recess Committee of the Legislature appointed for the purpose of studying the situation and have urged that all cities and towns in the county, because of the great outlay involved, should be required to contribute to the cost and maintenance of this Hospital. To accomplish this, a bill is now pending in the Legislature and plans should be made without delay to assist its passage.

Another matter of importance that came before the Legislature last year was a change in assessing the tax on national bank shares. Under a provision in our statutes these shares had always been assessed for their fair cash value like other tangible property. The banks, however, objected on the ground that this method of assessment was illegal. Various hearings were held before the committees of the Legislature, with the result that a compromise was reached whereby the tax, instead of being assessed upon the fair cash value of the shares, is now assessed upon the income therefrom at a substantially higher rate than that upon the income from shares in other corporations. This will materially reduce the amount of taxes from this source, but since the burden of reimbursing the banks for taxes that had been theretofore paid was borne by the Commonwealth, the compromise seemed a fair and reasonable one.

The infrequency of claims against the town for damages arising from defects in its streets is quite noticeable. One was settled during the past year by the payment of a small sum. A very substantial sum is paid each year by most municipalities in the settlement of claims of this nature. Their absence in our town is due to the good

condition in which our streets are kept by the Surveyor of Highways.

The only litigation now pending in which the town is interested are the cases of the town against the City of Lynn in connection with the Stacey Brook matter, and the petition of Mary L. Burk for the assessment of damages to her property in Burrill street by reason of the construction of a sidewalk in front thereof. The first suit is gradually being settled by enclosing the waters of Stacey Brook in a cement culvert, the expense of the construction of which in the past has been borne equally by the city of Lynn and the town. When another link in this culvert is constructed, the nuisance arising from the sewerage system of the city of Lynn will be substantially abated. This is a matter I understand that is to be taken up by the Board of Selectmen and the Water and Sewerage Board with the city of Lynn.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. SANTRY.

Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital.

The Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital problem still remains unsolved, no plan which seems to be equitable to all parties concerned having yet been found.

During the present year there have been a number of hearings before legislative committees, and conferences of the towns and cities on which the burden of expense of this institution has been placed. Hearings were held at the State House on March 8, August 29 and October 2, at which the subject was discussed from every possible standpoint, including purchase by the Government for use of veterans of the World War; by the State; by several counties jointly, and also by all of the municipalities of the County of Essex.

While no tangible results are yet apparent, and the report of the Legislative Committee has not been acted upon, it is quite possible that one of the plans under consideration may be carried through in such manner as to relieve the present situation.

As has been stated elsewhere in this report, the total assessment against the town of Swampscott is \$96,027.80, which, together with the cost of operation for last year and various principal and interest charges, will mean an expenditure of over \$12,000 for the present year and increasing amounts as time goes on.

On August 21 a conference of the interested municipalities was called by Mayor Whittemore, of Beverly, to consider some action in regard to the assessment which had been levied by the County Commissioners for the first time. The benefits derived by the several small towns and cities of the county involved seemed so out of proportion to the assessments, that it was felt that some relief should be sought.

The Board was represented at all of these hearings by the Chairman and Town Counsel, both of whom were named on a Special Committee to confer with the County Commissioners to see if the payment of the amount assessed could not be deferred until the begin-

ning of the year, when it could be considered in connection with the entire budget and necessary adjustments made.

A hearing was given the Committee by the County Commissioners on August 23, and it was later announced that the request would be granted. This has resulted in some additional interest charges, but it is felt by the towns and cities represented that this is fully warranted by the opportunity which was afforded to place the matter before the several municipalities at the time of the regular annual meeting.

In the meantime the entire proposition has been opened up for discussion, which is gradually enlightening the public on several points in connection with this great enterprise. Some of these may be stated as follows:—

That the original bill of 1916, authorizing the construction of a tuberculosis hospital in the County of Essex, to be erected by the County Commissioners, without limit as to expenditure, was not equitable.

That the law exempting several of the largest cities in the County of Essex from responsibility for this hospital, and permitting them to erect local sanatoria, within city limits, and of an entirely different standard from that of the Middleton Sanatorium, was not equitable.

As has been brought out in the hearings at the State House, there is no reason why the small towns of Essex County should maintain an institution costing more than \$1,700,000.00, with a capacity of over 200 beds, when large cities, such as Lynn, Salem, Newburyport, Lawrence, and the like, have escaped their apportionment by an expenditure of not more than \$125,000.00 for all combined.

It is very evident that the same high standard for the treatment of our citizens who are unfortunate enough to be afflicted with tuberculosis should be applied to all cities and towns in the county alike. Any other arrangement is not only unjust, but a wrong to those who suffer from this dread disease.

As the County Commissioners greatly exceeded reasonable limits of expense in the erection of the Middleton Hospital and over-estimated the number of beds required for the care of patients of Essex County, this is equally the fault of the Legislature which passed the bill in question, and certainly all of the cities and towns in the County of Essex are equally responsible for the acts of their Commissioners.

If the present plan of the Government, which we understand is now under consideration, goes through and the hospital is taken over at some just price for use of veterans; or if the Legislature comes to the relief of Essex County, and arranges for some just division of this great expense, well and good. The least, however, that should be expected is that all of the cities and towns of Essex County unite to give their tuberculosis patients the same high standard of care, and in doing this, assume their proportion of the expense of the Middleton Sanatorium. It is sincerely hoped that the efforts of those who are interested will bring about the adoption of one or the other of these plans.

Andrews Memorial Chapel.

At the adjourned annual Town Meeting of April 3 it was voted to accept the report of the Finance Committee relating to the bequest of the late Mrs. Ellen E. Andrews, whereby the residue of her estate was to be paid to the Town of Swampscott for the purpose of erecting a chapel in the cemetery in memory of her late husband, Isaac H. Andrews, who for a number of years had served the town faithfully as a member of the Board of Selectmen in 1880 and 1883, and of the Board of Assessors from 1880 to 1885.

Owing to the form of the report of the Finance Committee and the vote of the town, the Board found itself in a somewhat difficult position, as no money was provided for the preliminary sketches, specifications and advertising, without which the trustees of the estate could not be assured that it would be possible to erect a chapel for the amount available. Furthermore, the amount itself was not definitely known.

After a thorough investigation of the subject by the Board, in which Professor Emerson, of the Department of Architecture, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, gave his assistance, it was decided that a building could be erected for a sum which would probably fall within the amount of the estate.

The Board worked out a general scheme as to the size, material and the style of architecture of the chapel; and at this point proposed to Mr. Charles V. Burgess that he undertake to put this material in the form of specifications, drawings and plan view, which could be submitted to Mr. Augustine H. Rich, by whom they must be approved under the terms of the will. Mr. Burgess consented to carry out this plan, without even a promise by the Board that his designs would be used. Later two other sketches were prepared by local architects, all being submitted to Mr. Rich for approval.

On May 29 Mr. Rich selected the plans of Mr. Burgess, who, thereupon, proceeded at once with detail drawings and specifications, which were required before bids could be obtained.

In the meantime the Board made a careful study of the three different locations: The so-called tool-house site, the chapel site and a location on the knoll at the entrance to the new part of the cemetery. In advertising these were called location "A", "B" and "C".

The following bids were received and opened on July 27:—

Mack Construction Company:	Site A—	\$26,789 00
	Site B—	27,789 00
	Site C—	27,539 00
Cunningham & Burdwood:	Site A—	24,950 00
	Site B—	25,750 00
	Site C—	25,450 00
Duncan Construction Company:	Site A—	27,900 00
	Site B—	28,400 00
	Site C—	28,000 00
F. C. Alexander:	Site A—	27,578 00
	Site B—	no bid
	Site C—	28,730 00

O. Marino:

Site A—	28,605 00
Site B—	29,005 00
Site C—	28,865 00

The figures of Cunningham & Burdwood showed that it would be possible to erect a chapel within the terms of the will.

On June 11 the Board decided that the chapel site, or plan "C", was in every way the best suited for the purpose, and also that it avoided many serious objections which had arisen in connection with the removal of a large number of bodies from the Potter's Field, if the tool-house site was chosen.

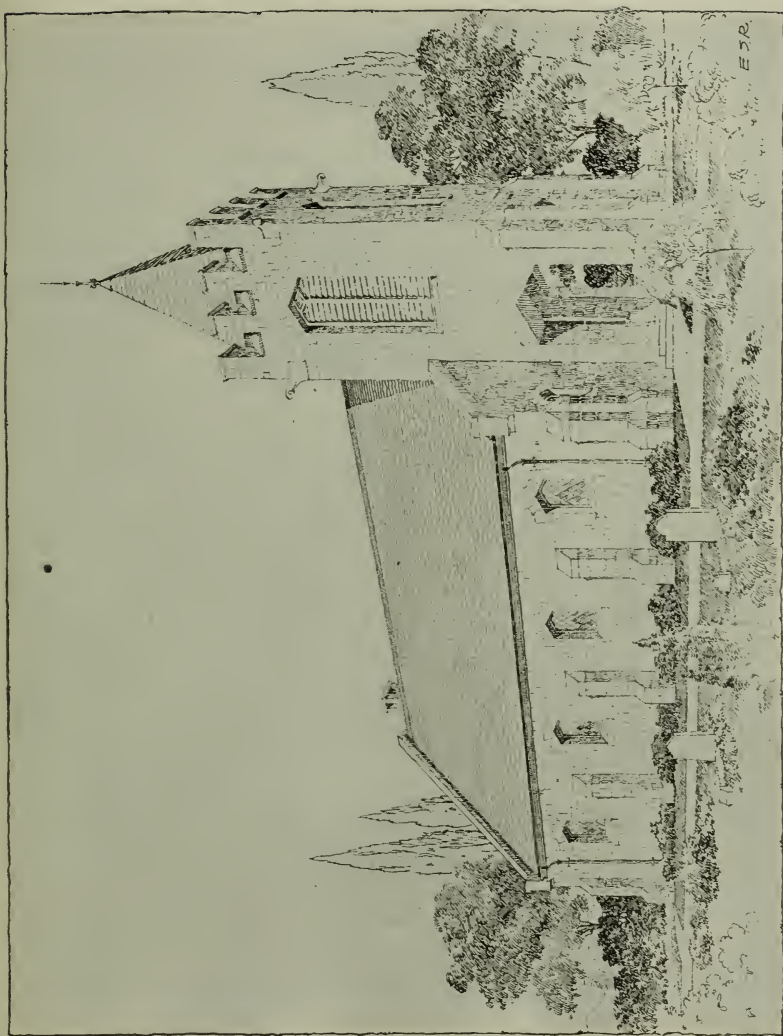
In passing it should be stated that the location of the Chapel rested entirely with the Board of Selectmen, and not with the trustees of the estate. Nevertheless, it was the desire of the Board to co-operate, so far as possible, without detriment to the interests of the town.

The question of location caused serious delays in negotiations which put off the construction to so late a date that it could, with difficulty, be carried through. A final letter to the trustees was written by the Board on August 15 which brought about the desired result, and the sum of \$30,500 was turned over to the town on October 18. Although the date was late, the Board, after consulting with the architect and the contractor, felt that it would be possible to start and complete the work in from three to five months.

The contract was made with Mr. Burgess, whose plans had been accepted, and also with Cunningham & Burdwood Company, who were the lowest bidders. Work was commenced at once, with as many men as possible; and owing to the almost unprecedented weather conditions during the months of November, December and January, stone work is well along; and it is expected that by the time this report is issued all exterior work will be complete.

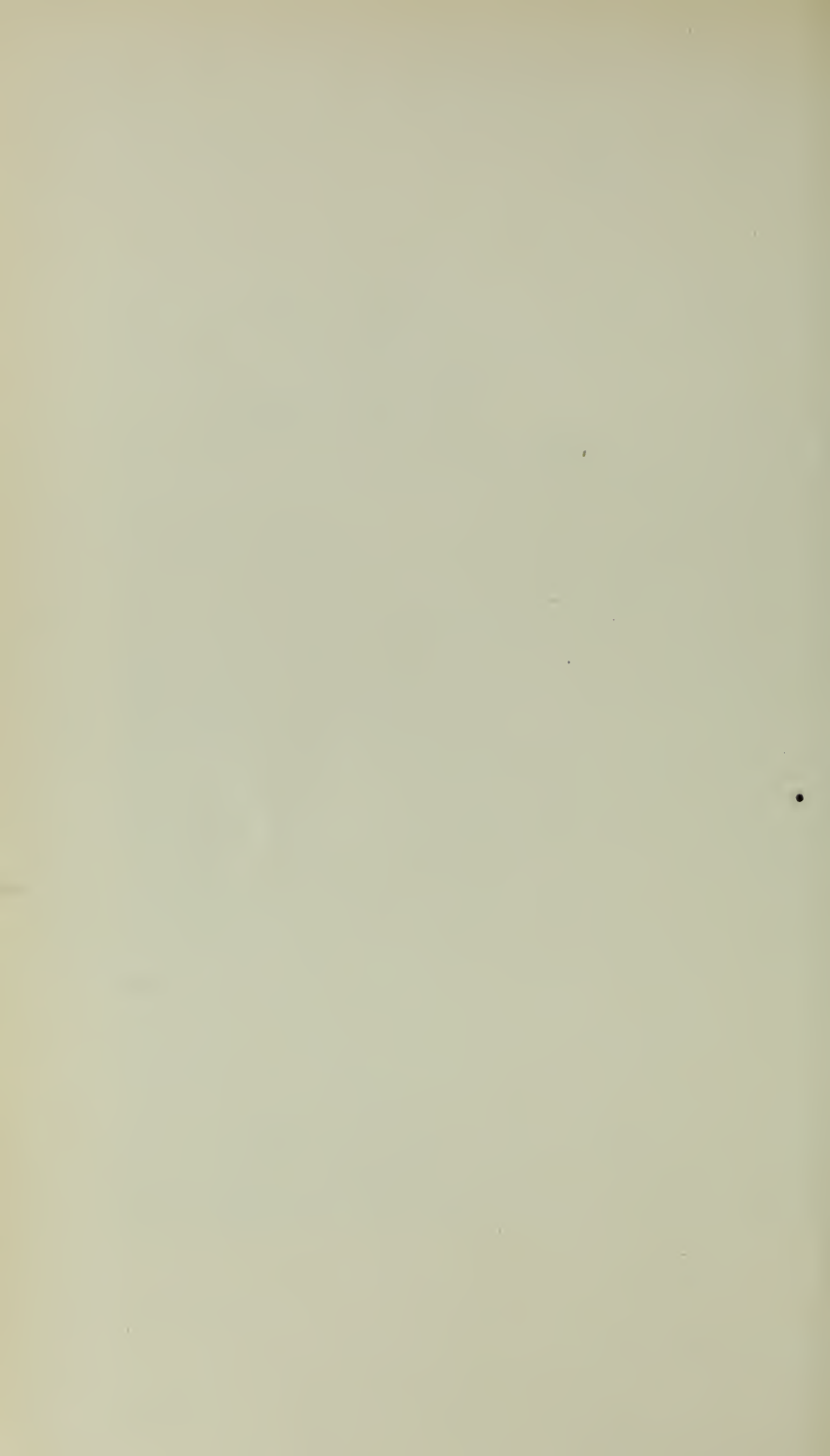
The final account of the estate has recently been approved by the Board, and a number of extras have been specified with a view to improving the quality of the interior finish and also of the roof. These are shown by the following figures:—

Payments on bequest, Oct. 18, '23	\$30,500 00	
Payments on bequest, Oct 18, 1923	\$30,500 00	
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Bequest	\$32,210 86	\$32,210 86
General contract	\$28,355 00	
Extra heavy variegated slate	575 00	
Oak trim inside	700 00	
Oak pews	200 00	
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	\$29,830 00	
Architect's fee	1,800 00	
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	\$31,630 00	\$31,630 00
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Balance		\$580 86



CHARLES V. BURGESS, Architect

THE ANDREWS MEMORIAL CHAPEL.



This leaves a balance of \$580.86, which may be used to further beautify the chapel itself, or provide for any extra work that may be decided on.

As will be seen from the full page insert, the building is of Norman Gothic design, constructed of seam-face granite, which, together with the many buttresses, gives a most artistic appearance to the exterior walls. The roof is of heavy variegated slate, mottled green and purple, and all flashings are of lead and copper. The exterior ornament of the building is of cut lime-stone. A tablet is placed on the tower, as called for by the will, on which are the words: "The Andrews Memorial Chapel."

Although this project has required a great amount of effort, the Board feels well repaid, as it has insured to the town of Swampscott, for all time, a suitable memorial chapel for such funeral services as may be held at the cemetery.

The Board, in behalf of the town, wishes to here record its appreciation of this splendid memorial made possible by the thoughtfulness and generosity of the late Mrs. Ellen E. Andrews.

Additional Land for Cemetery.

As work has progressed on the Memorial Chapel, the Board has been impressed with the desirability of acquiring at this time more land for cemetery purposes. As there are only sixteen lots now available, Mr. Thomas Handley, Superintendent of the Cemetery, was planning to request additional space which would involve an expenditure of \$8,000. The Board, however, wishes to recommend that the land just north of the cemetery, as shown on a drawing recently made by Town Engineer, W. W. Pratt, some 9½ acres, be acquired.

There is a cemetery fund of \$16,000, so that no money will be required from the tax levy. The land can be taken by right of eminent domain and should not be very expensive, as there is only one house, and that a fairly old one, on the property, much of which is low and must be filled in.

The Board feels that this front land should be acquired to add to later developments of back land, and that the scheme will work out with great beauty and artistic effect in connection with the Andrews Memorial Chapel.

It is recommended that the Board be authorized to take land, by right of eminent domain, for cemetery purposes, in accordance with the plan prepared by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, and that money be appropriated for the same.

Death of President, Warren Gamaliel Harding.

On August 3, at 4 o'clock⁴ in the morning, the sad news of the death of our beloved President, Warren Gamaliel Harding, was received in this town. Bells of the Town Hall and churches commenced to toll in the early hours of the morning.

The Board at once started plans for suitable memorial exercises, and a meeting was held on the evening of August 7, at which the clergy and the Commander of the American Legion were present. Commander Place was requested to take charge of the public exercises on the day of the funeral, and arrangements were made by the clergy for services in the several churches on the morning of that day.

It was also voted to send the following resolutions to Mrs. Harding:—

WHEREAS, Warren Gamaliel Harding, President of the United State of America, has been taken from us under the providence of God, these resolutions have been adopted by the Board of Selectmen, the Clergy and American Legion of the Town of Swampscott, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in behalf of the citizens of the Town.

WHEREAS, in the death of our beloved President, our country has suffered the loss of a leader of high Christian character; one who

by his devotion to duty and love of country has endeared his memory in the hearts of all the people, and

WHEREAS, the principles of friendship, kindness and charity for all which were set forth and exemplified in his daily life shall be a lasting memorial and guide for us and for posterity, and

WHEREAS, his efforts in promoting the lasting peace of our country and of the world stand as a monument to his statesmanship and broad humanity, and

WHEREAS, his policy of encouraging goodwill and harmony among those engaged in the great enterprises and industries of our country should be perpetuated, and

WHEREAS, in the death of President Warren G. Harding the people of this country have sustained a great loss and a burden has been placed upon their shoulders which it is difficult for them to bear. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Warren Gamaliel Harding as an expression of the deep sympathy which the citizens of Swampscott feel for her in this hour of bereavement, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of the Town.

HENRY S. BALDWIN,

JULIUS A. ULMAN,

FRANK E. MORRISON,

Selectmen.

GEORGE J. PLACE,

Legion Commander.

REV. G. EDWARD ALLAN.

REV. ROBERT CAMPBELL, Jr.,

REV. GEORGE A. REARDON,

REV. EDWARD TILLOTSON,

REV. JOHN VANNEVAR, D. D.

REV. L. G. VANLEEUEWEN.

The Board issued a request that all business and social activities should cease on August 10, the day of the funeral. Never in the history of the town has a request been more strictly observed. There was absolute quiet throughout the length and breadth of Swampscott, and the people of the town united with the whole country in showing their deep sorrow at the loss of our President.

The military and civic parade, as carried out by the Leon E. Abbott Post, American Legion, was most impressive, and the services at the Abbott playground, on State Road, will long be remembered by the many citizens who were present.

FINANCE.

I. Town Accounting.

During the year two regular audits have been made by the Department of Corporations and Taxation, Division of Accounts, of all books of the Town.

II. Town Debt.

The net debt for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1923, amounted to \$668,152. This shows a decrease of \$53,676 during the year 1923.

III. Loans in Anticipation of Revenue for 1923.

Due November 10, 1923		\$40,000 00
First National Bank, Boston	4.04% discount	\$1.75 premium
Old Colony Trust Company	4.10% discount	3.00 premium
Security Trust Company	4.01% discount	
Manufacturers' National Bank	3.99% discount	

Awarded to the Manufacturers' National Bank.

Due December 5, 1923		\$100,000 00
Manufacturers' National Bank	4.16% discount	
S. N. Bond & Company	4.37% discount	
Central National Bank	4.23% discount	\$1.00 premium

Awarded to the Manufacturers' National Bank.

Due December 20, 1923		\$100,000 00
S. N. Bond & Company	4.30% discount	
Security Trust Company	4.20% discount	
Manufacturers' National Bank	4.08% discount	
First National Bank	4.21% discount	\$3.75 premium
Central National Bank	4.25% discount	

Awarded to the Manufacturers' National Bank.

Due November 10, 1924		\$50,000 00
Old Colony Trust Company	4.25% discount	\$2.50 premium
Security Trust Company	4.24% discount	
Manufacturers' National Bank	4.14% discount	
Central National Bank	4.19% discount	2.00 premium
Sagamore Trust Company	4.15% discount	
F. S. Moseley & Company	4.23% discount	

Awarded to the Manufacturers' National Bank.

Bonds for Water and Sewers.

Water loan		\$4,000 00
		\$15,000 00
Sewer loan		\$9,000 00
Central National Bank	\$4,000	4½ % 100.04
	\$15,000	4¼ % 100.04
	\$9,000	4½ % 100.04

E. S. Mosely & Company	28,000	4¼ %	100.241
Estabrook & Company	28,000	4½ %	100.82
Harris Forbes & Company	28,000	4¼ %	100.22
R. L. Day & Company	28,000	4½ %	100.399
Edgerly & Company	4,000	4 %	
	15,000	4½ %	
	9,000	4 %	100.03
Dillon Read & Company	28,000	4¼ %	100.41

IV. Appropriations for Departmental Expenses.

The following accounts are tabulated from the reports of the several departments. It is **recommended** that appropriations be made therefor.

1. GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Legislative.

Moderator	\$200 00	
Finance Committee	200 00	
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Selectmen.

Chairman	\$300 00	
Associates	400 00	
Clerk	200 00	
Constable	60 00	
Other expenses	1,240 00	
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Auditing.

Accountant	\$1,800 00	
Other expenses	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,000 00

Treasury.

Treasurer	\$750 00	
Treasurer's Fidelity Bond Premium	120 00	
Accounting supplies	125 00	
Clerical and stenographic services	100 00	
Printing and postage	50 00	
Theft and burglary insurance	30 00	
Forgery bond	50 00	
Subscriptions	18 00	
Transportation	15 00	
Post office box rental	2 00	
Steel case for cancelled checks	75 00	
Miscellaneous	25 00	
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Certification, Printing and Advertising.

Notes and bonds	\$500 00
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Collector of Taxes.

Salaries.

Collector	\$ 600 00
Clerk	1500 00

Other expenses.

Stationery and postage	650 00
Printing and advertising	250 00
Bonds	225 00
Burglary insurance	30 00
Recording	130 00
Miscellaneous	150 00

 \$3,535 00

Assessors.

Chairman	\$900 00
Associates	500 00
Assistant Assessor	150 00
Clerical	500 00
Poll Book	450 00
Deeds and records	200 00
Printing, cards and postage	300 00
Miscellaneous expenses	100 00

 \$3,100 00

Town Clerk.

Salary	\$200 00
Assistant	200 00
Election	100 00
Postage and office supplies	200 00

 \$700 00

Law.

Town counsel	\$200 00
Special	800 00

 \$1,000 00

Election and Registration. .

Registrars	\$425 00
Clerks	660 00
Rents	150 00
Voting lists	150 00
Ballots	100 00
Lunches	100 00
Miscellaneous	50 00

 \$1,635 00

Engineering.

Town Engineer	\$2,313 00
Assistants	3,100 00
Stone monuments	100 00
Setting monuments	100 00
Supplies, etc.	187 00

 \$5,800 00;

Town Hall.

Salary	\$1,638 00	
Fuel	750 00	
Light	425 00	
Telephone	290 00	
Repairs	250 00	
Supplies	150 00	
Unpaid bills	197 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,700 00

2. PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

Police.

Salaries of regular officers	\$25,360 00	
Salaries for special work	2,000 00	
Telephone	375 00	
Electricity	150 00	
Coal and wood	375 00	
Gas and oil	250 00	
Miscellaneous	2,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$31,010 00

Fire.

Board of Engineers	\$300 00	
Clerk	50 00	
Permanent men	20,310 00	
Call men	2,410 00	
Office supplies	30 00	
Postage	5 00	
Telephone	150 00	
Laundry	90 00	
House supplies	285 00	
Gas	105 00	
Electricity	175 00	
Coal	925 00	
Water	50 00	
Ice	10 00	
House repairs	200 00	
Gasolene	300 00	
Tires	275 00	
Auto repairs	200 00	
Auto supplies	250 00	
Oil	35 00	
Express	25 00	
New equipment	100 00	
Extra labor	150 00	
Fire alarm	350 00	
Miscellaneous	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$26,830 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Salary	\$300 00
Printing	30 00

Expressing	75 00	
Miscellaneous	50 00	
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		\$455 00
Moth		\$5,000 00
Tree Warden.		
Trees	\$275 00	
Removing trees	300 00	
Tree guards	200 00	
Leopard moth	200 00	
Trimming and repairs	800 00	
Tools and supplies	75 00	
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		\$1,850 00
Forest Warden		\$200 00
Dog Officer.		
Salary	\$100 00	
Killing dogs	50 00	
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		\$150 00
Building Inspector.		
Salary	\$450 00	
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		\$450 00

3. HEALTH AND SANITATION.

Board of Health.		
Chairman	\$200 00	
Associates	300 00	
Health officer and clerk	1,859 00	
Assistant	30 00	
Advertising and printing	150 00	
Postage	125 00	
Equipment	100 00	
Quarantine	300 00	
Tuberculosis	1,200 00	
Births	277 00	
Deaths	75 00	
Marriages	63 00	
Other Expenses.		
Plumbing Inspector	900 00	
Inspector of slaughtering	100 00	
Fumigation	50 00	
Ice	46 00	
Bacteriological examinations	75 00	
Milk analysis	450 00	
Ice cream analysis	50 00	
Vinegar analysis	35 00	
Miscellaneous	75 00	
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		\$6,460 00
Health Nurse.		
Salary	\$1,450 00	
Expenses	50 00	
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		\$1,500 00

Refuse and Garbage.

Garbage	\$5,500 00	
Ashes	4,800 00	
Clean-up week	100 00	
Night soil	95 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,495 00

Cleaning Beaches.

Offal at beaches	\$416 00	
Labor cleaning beaches	650 00	
Unpaid bills	421 00	
Miscellaneous	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,587 00

Sewer Maintenance.

Chairman	\$150 00	
Associates	200 00	
Clerk	260 00	
Labor	4,800 00	
Water	300 00	
Coal	150 00	
Light and power	1,900 00	
Telephone	50 00	
Repairs	150 00	
Miscellaneous	240 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,200 00

Particular Sewers

\$500 00

Brooks

\$2,500 00

4. HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Administration

\$2,500 00

Repairing.

Labor	\$25,000 00	
Teams	5,500 00	
Stone and sand	1,700 00	
Equipment and repairs	3,000 00	
Hay and grain	2,500 00	
Blasting	500 00	
Coal	500 00	
Horse shoeing	700 00	
Repairs trucks and wagons	1,200 00	
All others	1,800 00	
	<hr/>	\$44,900 00

Seal coating

\$3,500 00

Street Construction

2,000 00

Street Watering and Oiling

5,000 00

Sidewalk and curbing

3,000 00

Snow and ice

10,000 00

\$23,500 00

Edgestones and granolithic	\$5,000 00	
Street lights	18,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$23,000 00

5. CHARITIES.

Poor.

Chairman	\$150 00	
Associates	200 00	
Secretary	100 00	
Telephone	40 00	
Other expenses	6,010 00	
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State aid	\$900 00	
Soldiers' relief	3,800 00	
Pensions	4,370 00	
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6. SCHOOLS.

Schools.

School committee	\$500 00	
Superintendent	450 00	
Pay Roll	115,060 00	
Text books and supplies	8,064 00	
Fuel	5,602 00	
Miscellaneous Operating	3,500 00	
Repairs	5,225 00	
Libraries	200 00	
Medical attendance	250 00	
Transportation	1,200 00	
Tuition	400 00	
Sundries	1,300 00	
New equipment	3,707 00	
	<hr/>	\$145,458 00

7. LIBRARY.

Library.

Librarian	1,300 00	
Assistant Librarian	1,300 00	
Special assistant	520 00	
Janitor	1,100 00	
Books	400 00	
Periodicals	150 00	
Binding	400 00	
Light and water	275 00	
Telephone and repairs	100 00	
Supplies	50 00	
Equipment	50 00	
Postage and express	20 00	
Printing and publicity	35 00	
Heat	350 00	
Petty cash	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,100 00

8. RECREATION.

Park department	\$8,760 00
Metropolitan Park Assessment.	
Estimated	\$7,000 00

9. UNCLASSIFIED.

Memorial Day	\$ 300 00	
Town Reports	1,500 00	
Reserve Fund	3,500 00	
Heat and Light, G. A. R. Hall	300 00	
Insurance Premiums	2,000 00	
Soldiers' Exemption	50 00	
Trust Fund Commissioners	40 00	
District Nurse	300 00	
Firemen's Memorial Sunday	200 00	
Armistice Day	200 00	
Repairs G. A. R. Hall	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,740 00

Public Service Enterprises.

Cemetery.		
Superintendent	\$950 00	
Labor	1,500 00	
Planting beds	85 00	
Loam	40 00	
Gravel	50 00	
Canvas	30 00	
Grass seed	15 00	
Tools and supplies	100 00	
Water and repairs	150 00	
Telephone	30 00	
Charts	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,000 00

Interest and Maturing Debt.

Interest.		
Loans in anticipation of revenue	\$9,500 00	
General debt	13,369 30	
Sewer bonds	9,278 75	
Metropolitan Park (estimated)	3,400 00	
	<hr/>	\$35,548 05
Municipal Indebtedness.		
General debt	\$45,000 00	
Sewer bonds	17,850 00	
Metropolitan Park (estimated)	700 00	
	<hr/>	\$63,550 00

Agency.

State Tax (estimated)	\$35,000 00	
County Tax (estimated)	30,000 00	
State enterprise (estimated)	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$66,500 00

County Commissioners.

For Essex Sanatorium assessment		3,876 37
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		\$578,619 37

Respectfully,

HENRY S. BALDWIN,
JULIUS A. ULMAN,
FRANK E. MORRISON.

Board of Selectmen.

SWAMPSCOTT, December 31, 1923.

ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT.

To the Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 624 of the Acts of 1910, I herewith submit the follownig report of the Accountant's Department for the year ending December 31, 1923.

TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

TAXES.

Property, 1921	\$27,034 93	
Personal, 1921	123 60	
Poll, 1921	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$27,163 53
Property, 1922	\$58,862 56	
Personal, 1922	2,473 26	
Poll, 1922	150 00	
	<hr/>	61,485 82
Tax Titles		1,581 33
Property, 1923	\$365,852 16	
Personal, 1923	36,655 73	
Poll, 1923	10,645 00	
	<hr/>	413,152 89
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		\$503,383 57
Income, 1920	\$ 273 00	
Income, 1921	1,585 47	
Income, 1922	2,921 36	
Income, 1923	49,813 92	
Corporation, 1923	12,375 19	
Business, 1923	1,056 12	
Bank, 1923	6,182 45	
School, 1923	11,687 50	
Street Railway, 1923	505 42	
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LICENSES AND PERMITS.

Junk	\$225 00
Milk	47 00
Oleomargarine	5 00

Amount carried forward

\$589,784 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$589,784 00
Swine	12 00	
Manicuring	6 00	
Alcohol	30 00	
Auctioneers	2 00	
Taxi and Express	6 00	
Second hand automobiles	140 00	
Gasoline	150 00	
Pool	4 00	
Peddlers	14 00	
Elevator	3 00	
	<hr/>	644 00
FINES AND FORFEITS.		
Court Fines		621 20
GRANTS AND GIFTS.		
Dog Licenses		476 11
OTHER GENERAL REVENUE.		
Rent, Morris house	\$144 00	
Historical Society	50 00	
Repairing fence	208 00	
Town costs	117 05	
	<hr/>	519 05
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.		
Moth, 1921	\$164 66	
Moth, 1922	303 71	
Moth, 1923	1,635 75	
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Sidewalk, 1921	\$400 19	
Sidewalk, 1922	757 54	
Sidewalk, 1923	1,097 24	
Sidewalk bills	922 80	
	<hr/>	3,177 77
Sewer, 1921	\$14 01	
Sewer, 1922	729 17	
Sewer, 1923	329 99	
Sewer bills	539 00	
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT.		
Rent, Town Hall		253 50
ANDREWS MEMORIAL CHAPEL.		
Gift		30,500 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$629,691 92

Amount brought forward \$629,691 92

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Police	\$12 78	
Sealer of weights and measures	27 00	
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HEALTH.

Rebate		20 00
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CHARITIES.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$733 25	
Cities and towns	232 40	
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SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

State Aid	\$1330 00	
Military aid	157 50	
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SCHOOLS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$220 64	
Tuition	649 37	
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LIBRARY.

Fines		261 50
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PARK.

Rents		442 40
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CEMETERY.

Sale of lots		2130 25
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WATER DEPARTMENT.

Water rates, 1920	\$ 21 76	
Water rates, 1921	119 64	
Water rates, 1922	5,770 24	
Water rates, 1923	44,785 69	
Water services	3,135 45	
Rents	495 00	
Interest on deposits	419 86	
Rebate freight	2 02	
	<hr/>	54,749 66
Land adjoining pumping station		500 00

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Loans in anticipation of revenue	\$290,000 00	
Sewer bonds	9,000 00	
Water bonds	19,000 00	
Premium notes and bonds	67 48	
	<hr/>	318,067 48

Amount carried forward \$1,009,226 15

Amount brought forward

\$1,009,226 15

INTEREST.

Treasurer's deposits	\$2,616 99
Taxes	5,002 85
Ellen R. Whittle Library Fund	148 75
Joanna Morse Library Fund	398 49
Phillips Medal Fund	35 64
Cemetery lots	239 00
Accrued	42 97

 8,484 69

TRANSFERS

Revenue from Excess and Deficiency	\$24,000 00
Overdrawn Accounts from Excess and Deficiency	3541 59
Sidewalk and Curbing from Contingent Fund	350 00
Middlesex Avenue from Humphrey Street Widening	541 46
Emergency Sewer from Hillcrest Circle Sewer	44 89
Emergency Sewer from Cherry Street Sewer	1433 81
Water from Emergency Water	1431 70
Emergency Water from Morton Road Water	381 50
Emergency Water from Elmwood Road Water	56 79
Emergency Water from Bradlee Avenue Water	7 69
Emergency Water from Lawrence Road Water	81 58
Emergency Water from Francis Road Water	63 06
Emergency Water from Franklin Avenue Water	384 03
Water from Fuller Avenue Water	715 28
Water from Forest Avenue Water	946 08
Water from Redington Street, Rock Avenue, Beach Avenue and Rockland Street	7,806 74
Water from Sherwood Street, Bond Street and Fuller Avenue	1,885 10

Amount carried forward

 \$1,017,710 84

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,017,710 84
Trust and Investment Funds from Cemetery Lots	2,130 25
Humphrey Street Sewer from Palmer Avenue Sewer	1,800 00
Joanna Morse Library Fund Income from Trust and Investment Fund Income	332 22
Mary L. Thomson Library Fund Income from Trust and Investment Fund Income	59 84
Ellen R. Whittle Library Fund Income from Trust and Investment Fund Income	99 14
Municipal Insurance Fund Income from Trust and Investment Fund Income	185 26
Cemetery Lots Income from Trust and Investment Fund Income	680 85
Chlotilda Farrar Fund Income from Trust and Investment Fund Income	10 08
A. F. Nesbitt, Private Cemetery Fund Income from Trust and Investment Fund Income	10 03
A. F. Nesbitt General Cemetery Fund Income from Trust and Investment Fund Income	16 02
Phillips Medal Fund Income from Trust and Investment Fund Income	89 92
Trust and Investment Funds Income from Joanna Morse Library Fund Income	398 47
Trust and Investment Fund Income from Phillips Medal Fund Income	35 64
Trust and Investment Fund Income from Cemetery Lots Income	239 00
<i>Amount brought forward</i>	<u>\$1,017,710 84</u>

<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$1,017,710 84
Cemetery Lots Fund from Trust and Investment Funds, Bank Books as per list:		
Ellen S. Buxton	\$200 00	
Joseph S. Brown	100 00	
Louisa Darling	100 00	
Harriett A. Childs	100 00	
Gratin Martin	100 00	
Fredd O. Thompson	112 00	
Miles Blanchard	100 00	
Mary A. Machon	100 00	
Jennie P. Chase	100 00	
Mehitable Nesbitt	152 00	
Sophia Pierce	150 00	
Joseph Blaney	150 00	
Sarah E. Parker	125 00	
Sarah J. Harris	100 00	
	<hr/>	1,639 00
Cemetery Lots Fund from Chlo- tilda Farrar Cemetery Lot Fund		250 00
Cemetery Lot Fund from A. F. Nesbitt Cemetery Lots Fund, Private		200 00
Cemetery Lots Fund from A. F. Nesbitt Cemetery Lots Fund, General		200 00
Cemetery Lots Fund Income from Trust and Investment Fund Income Interest on bank books		760 22
Cemetery Lots Income from Chlo- tilda Farrar Cemetery Lots In- come		10 08
Cemetery Lots Income from A. F. Nesbitt Cemetery Lots, General		149 63
Cemetery Lots Income from A. F. Nesbitt Cemetery Lots, Pri- vate		81 47
Net Bonded Debt from Water Loan Sinking Fund		4,825 64
	<hr/>	57,874 08
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		\$1,075,584 92
Balance January 1st, 1923		46,067 08
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		\$1,021,652 00
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Expenditures

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Legislative.

SALARY.

Moderator	\$100 00
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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Printing reports	\$144 00
Addressing and postage	34 84
Express	3 00
	181 84

\$281 84

Selectmen's Department.

SALARIES.

Chairman, balance, 1922	\$75 00
Associates, balance, 1922	100 00
Clerk, balance, 1922	16 67
Chairman, on account, 1923	225 00
Associates, 1923	400 00
Clerk, 1923	200 00
	\$1,016 67

OTHER EXPENSES.

Stationery and postage	\$146 20
Printing and advertising	188 38
Telephone	36 71
Constable, 1922	60 00
Constable, 1923	60 00
Repairs, G. A. R. Hall	36 56
Transportation	5 00
Resolutions	13 00
Directory	5 00
Designs	60 00
Serving notices	6 95
Binding books	6 50
Plants	16 00
Repairing fence	208 00
Glass for map	6 00
Memorial exercises, President	
Harding	296 85
Town weigher	20 00
Justice of Peace	18 00
Inspector of Animals, 1922	100 00
Inspector of Animals, 1923	100 00
	1,389 15

2,405 82

Amount carried forward

\$2,687 66

Amount brought forward

\$2,687 66

Auditing Department.**SALARY.**

Accountant	\$1,800 00
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OTHER EXPENSES.

Stationery and postage	\$160 52
Repairs to adding machine	10 12
Binding books	9 00
Typewriting	5 00
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	184 64

1,984 64

Treasury Department.**SALARIES.**

Treasurer	\$750 00
Clerk	100 00
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	\$850 00

OTHER EXPENSES.

Stationery and postage	\$97 04
Cash book	28 00
Subscription	18 00
Box rent	2 00
Bond	120 00
Burglary insurance	27 27
Adding machine	10 25
Typewriter	30 00
Check machine	25 00
Electric lights and shades	39 48
Repairing safe	5 00
Supplies	20 20
Typewriting	1 00
Grill work	25 00
Repairs	15 56
Taxi	2 70
Advertising	2 50
Express	83
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	469 83

1,319 83

Collector of Taxes Department.**SALARIES.**

Collector on account	\$487 50
Clerk	1,499 69
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	\$1,987 19

Amount carried forward

\$5,992 13

Amount brought forward

\$5,992 13

OTHER EXPENSES.

Stationery and postage	\$521 98
Printing and advertising	131 75
Bonds	225 00
Burglary insurance	27 27
Typewriter	50 00
Cash book	24 00
Recording deeds	129 50
Repairs	1 00
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	\$1,110 50

3,097 69

Assessors' Department.**SALARIES.**

Chairman	\$900 00
Associates	500 00
Assistant assessor	135 00
Clerks	350 00
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	\$1,885 00

OTHER EXPENSES.

Printing and advertising	\$35 41
Stationery and postage	22 88
Taxi	50 00
Telephone	20 73
Abstracts	141 88
Subscription	7 00
Plans	470 72
Tracing cloth	17 84
Tax book	23 00
Poll book	353 60
Files and cards	71 08
Supplies	9 57
Express	1 32
Expenses	9 50
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	1,234 53

3,119 53

Printing and Certifications of Notes and Bonds.

Advertising	\$79 00
Printing	36 94
Certifying	122 00
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237 94

Town Clerk's Department.**SALARIES.**

Clerk	\$300 00
Assistant	25 00
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	\$325 00

Amount carried forward

\$12,447 29

Amount brought forward

\$12,447 29

OTHER EXPENSES.

Stationery and postage	\$54 98	
Printing and advertising	32 08	
Canvass for births	25 00	
Book	4 00	
Bond	4 00	
Typewriting	52 13	
Supplies	6 80	
Express	38	
Justice Peace	38 00	
	<hr/>	\$217 37

542 37

Law Department.

Town counsel retainer	\$200 00
Town counsel services	506 70
Special counsel	221 26
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927 96

Election and Registration.**SALARIES.**

Registrars	\$300 00	
Clerk	125 00	
Election officers	353 00	
	<hr/>	\$778 00

OTHER EXPENSES.

Labor on booths	\$18 00	
Stationery and postage	62 64	
Printing and advertising	250 00	
Catering	31 14	
Taxi	30 00	
Flowers	2 00	
Rent	55 00	
Voting list cases	78 00	
Finance report	35 75	
Messenger	1 05	
	<hr/>	563 58

1,341 58

Engineers' Department.**SALARY.**

Engineer	\$2,314 00	
Assistants	2,762 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,076 00

OTHER EXPENSES.

Instruments	\$32 85
Expenses	83 05
Supplies	131 47
Lines and plans	27 75

Amount carried forward

\$15,259 20

Amount brought forward \$15,259 20

Setting bound stones	15 00	
Express	3 19	
Tools	4 40	
Lithograph of plans	68 50	
Grade stakes	45 00	
Bound posts	86 40	
Number machine	10 00	
Hand bag	12 50	
Typewriting	24 25	
Mimeograph machine	129 85	
Blueprints	18 06	
Plans	5 40	
	<hr/>	697 67
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		5,773 67

Town Hall Department.

SALARY.

Janitor and agent \$1,638 00

OTHER EXPENSES.

Fuel	\$844 20	
Electricity	426 43	
Janitor's supplies	109 43	
Repairs	190 51	
Telephone	289 38	
Tuning piano	3 50	
Papers	16 24	
Painting flag pole	10 00	
Lawn mower blade	2 00	
Water	24 68	
Express	4 12	
Flowers	2 40	
Ice	36 00	
	<hr/>	1,958 89
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		3,596 89

Summary of General Government.

	Appropriation	Transfer	Expend.	Balance	Overdraft
Legislative	\$ 300 00		\$ 281 84	\$ 18 16	
Selectmen	2,200 00	\$208 00	2,405 82	2 18	
Auditing	2,000 00		1,984 64	15 36	
Treasury	1,320 00		1,319 83	17	
Collector of Taxes	3,100 00		3,097 69	2 31	
Assessors'	3,125 00		3,119 53	5 47	
Town Clerk	700 00		542 37	157 63	
Law	1,000 00		927 96	72 04	
Election and Registration	875 00		1,341 58		\$466 58
Engineering	5,775 00		5,773 67	1 33	
Town Hall	3,000 00		3,596 89		596 89
Printing and Certification of Notes and Bonds	500 00		237 94	262 06	
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	\$23,895 00	\$208 00	\$24,629 76	\$536 71	\$1,063 47

Amount carried forward \$24,629 76

Amount brought forward

\$24,629 76

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department.

SALARIES AND WAGES.

Chief	\$1,992 89	
Captain	1,873 65	
Regular officers	19,345 24	
Special officers	1,709 25	
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Gasoline and oil		223 13

EQUIPMENT AND REPAIRS.

Equipment for men	\$184 72	
Tires, tubes and repairs, ambulance	349 31	
Supplies	83 99	
Silent policeman	45 00	
Lanterns	23 50	
Signs	11 50	
Iron and labor	19 00	
Freight	1 00	
Hushaphone	10 00	
	<hr/>	728 02

FUEL AND LIGHT.

Coal and wood	\$368 31	
Electricity	130 67	
	<hr/>	498 98

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Plumbing	\$13 85	
Stock and labor	123 06	
Water	13 77	
Disinfectants	36 25	
Laundry	20 40	
Cleaning station	115 25	
Soap	11 20	
Key	50	
	<hr/>	334 28

OTHER EXPENSES.

Stationery, printing and postage	\$183 70	
Telephone	340 74	
Supplies	46 42	
Ice	31 50	
Photographs	10 00	
Automobile book	35 00	
Typewriter	72 25	

Amount carried forward

\$24,629 76

Amount brought forward

\$24,629 76

Express	15 12	
Expenses	121 66	
Licenses	27 25	
Medical	15 00	
Use of automobile	128 10	
Paint for street lines	12 82	
Manual	2 50	
Kerosene oil	2 40	
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	1,044 46	
	<hr/>	27,749 90

Fire Department.**SALARIES.**

Chief	\$2,160 00	
Deputy chief	1,875 00	
Captains	5,475 00	
Permanent men	10,800 00	
Call men	2,342 69	
Others employees	389 69	
Engineers	300 00	
Clerk	50 00	
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	\$23,392 38	

HORSES.

Horse, hire	\$168 50	
Hay and grain	41 88	
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	210 38	

EQUIPMENT AND REPAIRS.

Equipment for men	\$67 08	
Fire alarm boxes	594 00	
Express	16 59	
Equipment and repairs	1,942 18	
Supplies	42 05	
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	2,661 90	

FUEL AND LIGHT.

Coal and wood	\$980 46	
Electricity	290 13	
Gasolene	245 85	
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	1,516 44	

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Plumbing	\$156 60	
Sheathing paper	4 00	
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	160 60	

HYDRANT RENTAL.

Water	1,000 00	
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Amount carried forward

\$52,379 66

Amount brought forward

\$52,379 66

OTHER EXPENSES.

Laundry	\$95 88	
Loam	16 00	
Repairing awning	15 00	
Licenses	4 00	
Express	15 23	
Water	46 18	
Stationery and postage	27 64	
Telephone	158 62	
Ice	10 00	
	<hr/>	388 55
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29,330 25

Building Inspector.

Salary	450 00
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Dog Officer.

Salary	\$100 00
Killing dogs, 1922	\$39 00
Killing dogs, 1923	31 50
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	70 50
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170 50

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

SALARY.

Sealer	\$300 00
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OTHER EXPENSES.

Printing	\$8 62	
Teams	101 00	
Weights, scales and tools	94 58	
Punch drill	20 00	
Expenses	5 00	
	<hr/>	229 20
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529 20

Moth Department.

SALARY AND WAGES.

Superintendent	\$1,465 75	
Labor	2,270 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,735 75

OTHER EXPENSES.

Telephone	\$18 10
Insecticides	316 60
Tools	49 88
Teams	179 00
Water	50 00

Amount carried forward

\$82,859 61

<i>Amount brought forward</i>			\$82,859 61
Storage of sprayer	24 00		
Freight	10 53		
Creosote	16 17		
Canvas	8 00		
Hose	35 30		
Repairs	3 30		
Gasolene	26 05		
	<hr/>	736 93	
		<hr/>	4,472 68

Tree Warden Department.

WAGES.			
Labor		\$1,287 50	
OTHER EXPENSES.			
Teams	\$192 50		
Gasolene	3 75		
	<hr/>	196 25	
		<hr/>	1,483 75

Forest Warden Department.

SALARY AND WAGES.			
Warden	\$33 00		
Labor	248 03		
	<hr/>	\$281 03	
OTHER EXPENSES.			
Teams		32 50	
		<hr/>	313 53

Summary of Protection of Persons and Property.

	Appropriation	Expend.	Balance	Overdraft
Police	\$26,281 00	\$27,749 90		\$1,468 90
Fire	29,332 33	29,330 25	\$2 08	
Building Inspector	450 00	450 00		
Dog officer	150 00	170 50		20 50
Sealer of Weights and Measures	530 00	529 20	80	
Moth	4,500 00	4,472 68	27 32	
Tree Warden	1,485 00	1,483 75	1 25	
Forest Warden	200 00	313 53		113 53
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	\$62,928 33	\$63,499 81	\$31 45	\$1,602 93

Amount carried forward

\$89,129 57

Amount brought forward

\$89,129 57

HEALTH AND SANITATION.**Health Department.***General Administration***SALARIES AND WAGES.**

Chairman, balance, 1922	\$100 00	
Associates, balance, 1922	100 00	
Chairman, 1923	200 00	
Associates, 1923	300 00	
Agent and clerk	1,859 00	
Assistant	30 00	
Stationery and postage	136 30	
Printing and advertising	188 90	
Telephone	9 45	
	<hr/>	\$2,923 65

OTHER EXPENSES.

Typewriter	\$107 50	
Cabinet	107 24	
	<hr/>	214 74

QUARANTINE.

Board and treatment	\$178 29	
Supplies	30 58	
Schick test	24 14	
Tongue depressors	12 50	
Express	12 50	
Officer	11 25	
	<hr/>	269 26

TUBERCULOSIS.

Board and treatment	1,141 30
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VITAL STATISTICS.

Recording births	\$170 25	
Recording deaths	86 50	
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OTHER EXPENSES.

Testing milk, ice cream and vinegar samples	\$472 88	
Bacteriological	66 00	
Sanitary inspector	940 00	
Car fares	21 77	
Serving notices	12 00	
Supplies	11 30	

Amount carried forward

\$89,129 57

Amount brought forward \$89,129 57

Marriages	50 50	
Express	13 82	
Chart for teeth	8 38	
Office repairs	15 65	
Entertainment at schools	19 61	
Ice	46 00	
Disinfectant	8 70	
Inspector of animals, 1922	100 00	
Inspector of animals, 1923	100 00	
	<hr/>	1,886 61
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		6,692 31

Health and School Nurse.

SALARY.

Nurse \$1,196 00

OTHER EXPENSES.

Expenses	\$10 00	
Posters	6 00	
Glasses	8 25	
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		1,220 25

Sewers and Drains. Maintenance and Operation.

ADMINISTRATION.

Commissioners	\$350 00	
Clerk	260 00	
Telephone	48 75	
Chairs	27 00	
Table	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$733 75

GENERAL.

Labor	\$1,635 25	
Water	250 00	
Medical	3 00	
	<hr/>	1,888 25

CONNECTIONS.

Labor	\$32 56	
Pipe and fittings	65 30	
	<hr/>	97 86

PUMPING STATION.

Engineers and fireman	\$2,582 50	
Fuel and light	1,625 31	
Equipment and repairs	636 49	
	<hr/>	4,844 30

Amount carried forward \$97,042 13

Amount brought forward

\$97,042 13

OTHER EXPENSES.

Water	\$34 86
Express	8 35
Supplies	37 56
Dynamo oil	23 77
Lawn dressing	39 00
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	143 54

7,707 70

CLAREMONT TERRACE SEWER.

Advertising	\$ 9 06
Contract	290 94
Refund for private sewer	125 00
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425 00

PARTICULAR SEWERS.

House connections	480 47
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BROOKS.

Labor	\$107 25
Pipe	176 28
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283 53

Refuse and Garbage.**ASHES, GARBAGE AND NIGHT SOIL.**

Ashes, contract	\$4,339 87
Garbage, contract	5,433 67
Clean up week	100 00
Night soil	95 00
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	\$9,968 54

OTHER EXPENSES.

Care of offal at beaches	\$416 00
Cleaning beaches	602 50
Burying dead animals	28 00
Advertising	55 65
Repairs to dory	6 20
Painting dory	5 50
Cleaning cesspool	30 00
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	1,143 85

11,112 39

Summary of Health and Sanitation.

	Appropriation	Transfer	Expend.	Balance	Overdraft
Health	\$6,850 00	\$20 00	\$6,692 31	\$177 69	
Health and School Annex	1,250 00		1,220 25	29 75	
Sewer	8,200 00		7,707 70	492 30	
Claremont Terrace Sewer	425 00		425 00		
Particular Sewers	500 00		480 47	19 53	
Brooks	500 00		283 53	216 47	
Refuse and Garbage	10,691 00		11,112 39		\$421 39
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	\$28,416 00	\$20 00	\$27,921 65	\$935 74	\$421 39

Amount carried forward

\$117,051 22

Amount brought forward

\$117,051 22

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Administration.

SALARIES.

Superintendent	\$2,160 00	
Clerk	200 00	
Telephone	26 16	
	<hr/>	\$2,386 16

GENERAL.

Labor	\$23,580 75	
Teams	4,277 50	
Broken stone and gravel	1,764 49	
Snow plows	530 00	
Road roller	5,300 00	
Road machine	270 00	
Boiler stack	130 00	
Repairs to stable, locker and shed	1,289 59	
Equipment and repairs	2,133 56	
Hay, grain and straw	2,242 42	
	<hr/>	41,518 31

OTHER EXPENSES.

Damages	\$206 00	
Insurance	6 19	
Advertising	5 95	
Gasolene and oil	462 61	
Electricity	49 51	
Kerosene oil	78 60	
Lumber	7 50	
Machine oil	36 94	
Repairs to fence	8 05	
Veterinary	43 50	
Signs	290 00	
Registration truck	30 00	
Water	16 64	
Medical	74 00	
Numbering houses	50 00	
Express	11 46	
Horse shoeing	657 03	
Coal	346 18	
Cement	12 00	
	<hr/>	2,392 16

SEAL COATING.

Tarvia and cold patch	2,927 80	
	<hr/>	49,224 43

Amount carried forward

\$166,275 65

Amount brought forward

\$166,275 65

SNOW AND ICE.

Labor	\$16,857 00	
Teams	2,749 00	
Gasolene and oil	297 90	
Repairs	387 65	
Salt	68 26	
Tools	16 00	
Storage	10 00	
	<hr/>	20,385 81

Street Water and Oiling.**WATER.**

Labor	\$32 50	
Teams	707 50	
Hose	31 36	
Repairs	17 93	
Water	75 66	
	<hr/>	\$864 95

OIL.

Teams	\$270 00	
Oils	2,762 92	
Specifications	3 25	
Advertising	9 35	
Demurage	30 00	
Valve	1 75	
Testing oil	18 00	
	<hr/>	3,095 27
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		3,960 22

Burrill and Columbia Streets.

Balance on fence	26 68
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Street Lights.

Contract	16,969 10
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Burpee Road.

Advertising	\$10 20	
Typewriting contract	3 00	
Contract	5,361 11	
	<hr/>	5,374 31

Forest Avenue.

Labor	\$840 00	
Gravel	255 50	
Blasting	1,208 00	
	<hr/>	2,303 50

Amount carried forward

\$215,295 27

Amount brought forward \$215,295 27

Street Construction.

Labor	\$1,862 00	
Blasting	60 00	
Grates and frames	40 00	
Cement	47 40	
Express	50	
	<hr/>	2,009 90

Valley Road.

Labor		106 00
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Bradlee Avenue.

Contract		492 75
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Phillips Circle.

Contract		294 00
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Middlesex Avenue.

Labor		300 00
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Mountwood Road.

Contract		498 00
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Sidewalk and Curbing.

Labor	\$162 00	
Blasting	60 00	
Contract	400 00	
Tar walks	996 45	
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Continuous Sidewalks.

Advertising	\$12 75	
Labor	517 00	
Curbing and granolithic walks	3,157 42	
	<hr/>	3,687 17

Summary of Highways and Bridges.

	Appropriation	Transfer	Expend.	Balance	Overdraft
Highway	\$50,800 00		\$49,224 43	\$1,575 57	
Snow and Ice	20,373 21		20,385 81		\$12 60
Street and Water and Oiling	5,000 00		3,960 22	1,039 78	
Burrill and Columbia Streets	115 18		26 68	88 50	
Street Lights	17,000 00		16,969 10	30 90	
Burpee Road	5,700 00		5,374 31	325 69	
Forest Avenue	2,395 95		2,303 50	92 45	
Street Construction	2,000 00		2,009 90		9 90
Valley Road	300 00		106 00	194 00	
Bradlee Avenue	500 00		492 75	7 25	
Middlesex Avenue	300 00		300 00		
Mountwood Road	500 00		498 00	2 00	
Sidewalk and Curbing	1,500 00	350 00	1,618 45	231 55	
Continuous Sidewalks	3,557 55		3,687 17		129 62
Phillips Circle	300 00		294 00	6 00	
Humphrey Street Curbing	2,900 00			2,900 00	
Roy Street	300 00			300 00	
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	\$113,541 89	\$350 00	\$107,250 32	\$6,793 69	\$152 12.

Amount carried forward

\$224,301 54

Amount brought forward

\$224,301 54

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.**Poor Department.****ADMINISTRATION.****Salaries**

Chairman	\$150 00	
Associates	200 00	
Clerk	100 00	
Stationery and postage	16 30	
Telephone	38 35	
Typewriting	2 00	
Taxi	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$513 65

OUTSIDE RELIEF BY TOWN.

Groceries and provisions	\$2,324 15	
Coal and wood	359 57	
Board and care	355 00	
Medical attendance	170 82	
State institutions	923 00	
Rent	416 00	
Expenses to State hospital	7 08	
Clothing	7 00	
	<hr/>	4,562 62

RELIEF BY OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS.

Cities	1,571 32
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MOTHERS' AID.

Town	611 50	
	<hr/>	7,259 09

State Aid, Civil War.

Cash aid	888 00
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Soldiers' Relief.

Cash aid	\$2,105 43	
Groceries and provisions	456 00	
Soldiers' burials	85 50	
	<hr/>	2,646 93

Pensions.

School, fire, police and highway	3,797 36
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Summary of Charities and Soldiers' Benefits.

	Appropriation	Expend.	Balance	Overdraft
Poor	\$6,500 00	\$7,259 09		\$759 09
State Aid	1,500 00	888 00	\$ 612 00	
Soldiers' Relief	3,800 00	2,646 93	1,153 07	
Military Aid	500 00		500 00	
Pensions	3,750 00	3,797 36		47 36
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	\$16,050 00	\$14,591 38	\$2,265 07	\$806 45

Amount carried forward

\$238,892 92

Amount brought forward

\$238,892 92

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES.

School Department.

ADMINISTRATION.

Superintendent	\$4,200 00	
Clerk	240 00	
Stenographers	1,530 00	
Attendance officer	200 00	
Stationery and postage	101 80	
Telephone	352 44	
Supplies	22 96	
Books	20 47	
Principal's clerk	15 87	
Teachers' agency	117 50	
Expenses	368 53	
School census	74 45	
Entertainment	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,259 02

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

High	\$22,493 38	
Elementary	58,525 96	
Substitutes	575 94	
Coach	1,400 00	
Manual training	2,100 00	
Domestic science	1,430 00	
Music	1,760 00	
Physical training	3,620 00	
Drawing	1,640 00	
	<hr/>	93,545 28

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

High school		
Text and reference books	\$1,102 01	
Supplies	218 69	
	<hr/>	1,320 70
Elementary		
Text and reference books	\$1,981 80	
Supplies	2,357 73	
	<hr/>	4,339 53

TUITION.

Elementary	369 91
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TRANSPORTATION.

Elementary	770 00
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Amount carried forward

\$238,892 92

Amount brought forward

\$238,892 92

JANITORS' SERVICE.

High	\$2,110 00	
Elementary	5,495 59	
Evening	144 25	
	<hr/>	7,749 84

FUEL AND LIGHT.

High	\$2,742 99	
Elementary	6,731 07	
	<hr/>	9,474 06

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

High		
Repairs	\$1,642 66	
Janitors' supplies	109 83	
Grading	177 75	
Water	299 28	
	<hr/>	2,229 52
Elementary		
Repairs	\$2,052 70	
Janitors' supplies	353 91	
Grading	298 06	
Water	578 54	
	<hr/>	3,283 21

FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS.

High	\$129 90	
Elementary	1,682 20	
Typewriters	566 94	
Sewing machines	49 05	
Dictaphone	61 95	
Tuning piano	22 25	
	<hr/>	2,512 29

OTHER EXPENSES.

Diplomas and graduation exercises	\$56 15
Miscellaneous printing	235 18
Groceries	129 70
Ice	26 16
Express	17 77
Map	62 83
Belting	23 90
Flags	39 60
Medical	250 00
Supplies	161 53
Filing saws	11 25
Repairing mimeograph	14 96
Drop curtain	55 83
Manual training supplies	670 43

Amount carried forward

\$238,892 92

Amount brought forward \$238,892 92

Basket ball supplies	21 10	
Football equipment	625 86	
Badges	50 17	
Police	7 00	
	<hr/>	2,459 42
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		135,312 78

Americanization Classes.

Salaries	\$580 00	
Fuel, books and supplies	260 20	
	<hr/>	840 20

Library Department.

SALARIES AND WAGES.

Librarian	\$1,300 00	
Assistants	1,924 99	
Janitor	1,053 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,277 99

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Books	\$180 19	
Periodicals	4 00	
	<hr/>	184 19

BINDING BOOKS.

Binding		243 94
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FUEL AND LIGHT.

Coal and wood	\$343 84	
Electricity	260 19	
	<hr/>	604 03

BUILDING.

Repairs and painting	\$295 65	
Supplies	44 39	
Water	15 17	
Telephone	43 35	
	<hr/>	398 56

OTHER EXPENSES.

Stationery and postage	\$66 15	
Express	15 80	
Repairing typewriter	19 00	
Rope	6 00	
	<hr/>	106 95
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		5,815 66

Library Building.

Book stack	\$186 40	
Repairs	14 87	
	<hr/>	201 27

Amount carried forward \$381,062 83

Amount brought forward

\$381,062 83

Summary of Schools and Library.

	Appropriation	Expend.	Balance	Overdraft
Schools	\$135,463 00	\$135,312 78	\$150 22	
Americanization	900 00	840 20	59 80	
Library	5,800 00	5,815 66		\$15 66
Library Building	308 59	201 27	107 32	
	<u>\$142,471 59</u>	<u>\$142,169 91</u>	<u>\$317 34</u>	<u>\$15 66</u>

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED.**Parks and Playgrounds.****ADMINISTRATION.**

Secretary	\$100 00	
Superintendent, Blaney's Beach	624 00	
Superintendent, parks	1,380 00	
Telephone	46 85	
Stationery and postage	8 85	
Advertising	5 40	
	<u> </u>	\$2,165 10

Blaney's Beach Reservation.

Lifeguard	\$430 00	
Plumbing	108 78	
Express	4 00	
Repairs and moving raft	111 86	
Electricity	18 09	
Repairs to building	110 48	
Supplies	16 83	
Water	9 49	
Dory	87 50	
Labor and dressing	58 00	
Traps	14 00	
	<u> </u>	969 03

Monument Avenue Reservation.

Supplies	\$43 20	
Water	7 33	
Repairing lawn mower	28 55	
Plants	366 00	
	<u> </u>	445 08

Abbott Park.

Express	\$ 75	
Supplies	3 70	
Lime	2 80	
Painting and repairs, flag pole	17 00	
Lawn mower	12 15	
Plumbing	3 91	
Labor	7 50	
	<u> </u>	\$47 81

Amount carried forward

\$381,062 83

Amount brought forward

\$381,062 83

Jackson Park.

Labor	\$109 75	
Express	1 50	
Electricity	27 36	
Flag pole	35 00	
Supplies	51 87	
Contract	965 26	
Toboggan slide	178 17	
Lumber	10 54	
Lime	21 88	
Pipe	12 96	
Home plate	10 80	
Loam	100 00	
Police	7 19	
Signs	6 75	
	<hr/>	1,539 03

Phillips Park.

Labor	\$964 60	
Lawn mower	26 45	
Supplies	6 00	
Loam	478 80	
Home plate	38 80	
Grass seed	54 00	
Plumber	24 00	
Stock and labor backstay	57 30	
Skating rink	70 87	
Ashes	65 50	
Lime and cement	18 60	
Portable building	528 00	
	<hr/>	2,332 92
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		7,498 97

Metropolitan Park Maintenance.

Assessment	7,788 35
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Printing Town Reports.

Stenographer	\$20 00	
Printing	1,114 80	
Distribution	88 00	
Editing	100 00	
Expenses	6 50	
	<hr/>	1,329 30

Memorial Day.

Post 118, G. A. R.	300 00
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Amount carried forward

\$397,979 45

Amount brought forward \$397,979 45

Heat and Light, G. A. R. Hall.

Heat and light 300 00

. Firemen's Memorial Sunday.

Expenses, Memorial Sunday 191 20

July 4th Celebration.

Band	\$330 00	
Prizes	59 96	
Express and labor	37 50	
Ice cream	146 00	
Printing	5 00	
Flags	79 94	
Decorating	20 00	
Electricity	41 48	
Salute	12 00	
Entertainment	178 72	
Grand stand	20 68	
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		931 28

Tubercular Hospital.

Assessment 3,797 61

Trust Fund Commissioners.

Bond 40 00

Insurance.

Premiums 1,202 93

District Nurse.

Visiting Nurse Association 300 00

Repairs G. A. R. Hall.

Carpentry	\$332 38	
Painting	341 00	
Flag	5 70	
Lights	3 00	
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		682 08

Andrews Memorial Chapel.

Architect on account	\$708 88	
Contractors on account	5,806 35	
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		6,515 23

Armistice Day.

Expenses 198 15

Amount carried forward

\$412,137 93

Amount brought forward

\$412,137 93

Summary of Recreation and Unclassified.

	Appropriation	Donation	Expend.	Balance
Parks	\$7,500 00		\$7,498 97	\$ 1 03
Metropolitan Park Maintenance	7,788 55		7,788 55	
Printing Town Reports	1329 30		1,329 30	
Memorial Day	300 00		300 00	
Heat and Light, G. A. R. Hall	300 00		300 00	
Firemen's Memorial Sunday	200 00		191 20	8 80
July 4th Celebration	1,000 00		931 28	68 72
Tuberculosis Hospital	3,797 61		3,797 61	
Trust Fund Commissioners	40 00		40 00	
Insurance	1,300 00		1,202 93	97 07
District Nurse	300 00		300 00	
Repairs, G. A. R. Hall	800 00		682 08	117 92
Andrews Memorial Chapel		\$30,500 00	6,515 23	23,984 77
Armistice Day	200 00		198 15	1 85
Municipal Insurance	402 00			402 00
Contingent Fund	2,500 00		350 00	2,150 00
Soldiers' Exemption	50 00		19 38	30 62
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	\$27,807 46	\$30,500 00	\$31,444 68	\$26,862 78

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES.**Water Department.****ADMINISTRATION.**

Commissioners	\$350 00	
Superintendent	2,160 00	
Clérk	1,456 00	
Stationery and postage	57 27	
Printing and advertising	29 35	
Telephone	62 81	
	<hr/>	\$4,115 43

OTHER EXPENSES.

Typewriting	\$9 75	
Supplies	18 47	
Automobile license	4 03	
Box rent	7 50	
	<hr/>	39 75

GENERAL.

Labor on and reading meters	\$2,301 00
Labor	7,813 42
Pipe and fittings	861 85
Meters	1,309 54
Equipment and repairs	1,622 93
Gasolene	189 05
Freight	146 09
Hydrants	586 97
Electricity	13 23
Coal	159 65
Express	4 62
Bricks	73 00

Amount carried forward

\$412,137 93

Amount brought forward \$412,137 90

Supplies	16 19	
Water privilege	5 00	
Bonds	54 00	
Medical	30 00	
Taxes	67 60	
Repairing safe	10 00	
	<hr/>	15,264 14

METROPOLITAN ASSESSMENT.

Maintenance	\$4,750 51	
Interest	9,136 67	
Sinking fund	1,188 12	
Serial bond	354 04	
	<hr/>	15,429 34

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT.

Water bonds	\$8,200 00	
Interest	9,729 00	
	<hr/>	17,929 00

52,777 66

Cemetery Department.

SALARY AND WAGES.

Superintendent	\$950 00	
Labor	1,645 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,595 00

OTHER EXPENSES.

Shrubs	\$85 00	
Tools	36 30	
Telephone	23 36	
Water pipe	8 61	
Water	42 73	
Sod cover	39 20	
Lawn mower	37 00	
Loam	42 90	
Paint	3 40	
Weed killer	28 00	
Police	6 20	
	<hr/>	352 70

2,947 70

Summary of Public Service Enterprises.

	Appropriation	Expend.	Balance
Water	\$63,080 01	\$52,777 66	\$10,302 35
Cemetery	3,000 00	2,947 70	52 30
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	\$66,080 01	\$55,725 36	\$10,354 65

Amount carried forward

\$567,863 29

Amount brought forward \$567,863 29

Interest and Maturing Debt.

Interest on loans in anticipation of revenue	\$8,043 54	
Interest on general debt	15,602 25	
Interest on sewer bonds	9,602 50	
Interest on Metropolitan Park assessment	3,231 35	
	<hr/>	36,479 64
Loans in anticipation of revenue	\$290,000 00	
General debt maturing	52,000 00	
Sewer bonds	17,150 00	
Metropolitan sinking fund	339 30	
Metropolitan serial bonds	360 43	
	<hr/>	359,849 73

AGENCY.

State tax	\$32,280 00	
County tax	30,542 53	
Department of accounts	821 92	
Highway tax	472 05	
Soldiers' exemption	19 38	
Poll tax	6,138 00	
	<hr/>	70,273 88

REFUNDS.

Bank tax	\$36 82	
Public service	117 00	
Corporation tax	254 41	
Poll tax	5 00	
Personal tax	37 70	
	<hr/>	450 93

TRUST FUNDS.

Joanna Morse library fund	\$398 49	
Phillips medal fund	35 64	
Cemetery lots fund	239 00	
Mary L. Thomson library fund	148 75	
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Cemetery Lots Investment Funds.

Perpetual care	2,130 25
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NON-REVENUE.

Fuller Avenue, Bond and Sherwood Streets Water Pipes.

Advertising	\$12 14
Labor	335 57
Contracts	3,799 40
Cement	3 30
Pipe	2,088 83

Amount carried forward \$937,869 60

Amount brought forward \$937,869 60

Hydrants	238 30	
Gates and boxes	267 00	
Freight and teaming	45 25	
	<hr/>	6,789 79

Emergency Water Pipe.
Suffolk Avenue.

Contract \$170 32

Eureka Avenue.

Labor	\$115 00	
Pipe	155 34	
Hydrants	56 15	
Gates and boxes	65 30	
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Elm Place.

Labor	\$85 00	
Pipe	66 85	
Freight	5 00	
	<hr/>	156 85

Banks Circle.

Labor	\$6 25	
Pipe	64 90	
	<hr/>	71 15

Suffolk Avenue.

Labor	\$188 20	
Pipe	213 25	
Gates and boxes	28 20	
Freight	8 50	
	<hr/>	438 15

Essex Street.

Labor	\$17 50	
Pipe	37 96	
Freight	2 50	
Hydrants	70 54	
Gates and boxes	34 00	
	<hr/>	162 50

Humphrey Street.

Labor	\$58 63	
Pipe	45 59	
Hydrants	70 54	
Gates and boxes	34 00	
Freight	2 50	
	<hr/>	211 26

1,602 02

Amount carried forward

\$946,261 41

Amount brought forward \$946,261 41

Forest Avenue Water Pipe.

Contract	\$1,272 98	
Labor	142 00	
Pipe, gates and boxes	946 08	
	<hr/>	2,361 06

Redington Street Water Pipe.

Labor	\$142 00	
Contract	433 05	
Pipe, gates and boxes	1,020 20	
	<hr/>	1,595 25

Rockland Street Water Pipe.

Advertising	\$7 22	
Labor	220 00	
Contract	594 48	
Pipe and gates and boxes	1,705 30	
	<hr/>	2,527 00

Beach Avenue Water Pipe.

Advertising	\$7 23	
Labor	172 50	
Contract	407 74	
Pipe and gates and boxes	1,056 55	
	<hr/>	1,644 02

Boynton Street Water Pipe.

Labor	\$93 75	
Contract	187 34	
Pipe and fittings	519 91	
	<hr/>	801 00

Rock Avenue Water Pipe.

Advertising	\$14 45	
Labor	290 00	
Pipe and fittings	3,504 78	
Contract	675 75	
	<hr/>	4,484 98

Emergency Sewer.

Claremont Terrace.

Contract	\$391 31	
Pipe	48 00	

Particular Sewers.

Pipe and labor	417 20	
	<hr/>	856 51

Amount carried forward \$960,531 23

Amount brought forward

\$960,531 23

Humphrey Street Sewer.

Advertising	\$9 08	
Contract	6,346 05	
Manholes	23 24	
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Mountain Avenue Sewer.

Advertising	\$9 06	
Contract	707 00	
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Palmer School.

Balance heating contract		402 90
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Stacey Brook.

Stock and labor		44 30
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Humphrey Street.

Labor	\$107 93	
Grates and frames	71 00	
	<hr/>	178 93

Middlesex Avenue.

Contract	\$1,248 07	
Advertising	10 20	
Edgestone	483 19	
	<hr/>	1,741 46

Summary of Non Revenue.

	Appropriation	Expend.	Balance
Military Equipment	\$ 6 45		\$ 6 45
Burrill Street Repairs	1,503 41		1,503 41
Atlantic Avenue Repairs	2,431 12		2,431 12
Burpee Road	1,143 47		1,143 47
Middlesex Avenue	1,741 46	\$1,741 46	
Humphrey Street	179 25	178 93	32
Emergency Sewer	5,747 68	858 51	4,889 17
Emergency Water	3,020 32	1,602 02	1,418 30
Forest Avenue Water	3,266 87	2,361 06	905 81
Fuller Avenue, Bond and Sherwood Streets Water	7,185 00	6,789 79	395 21
Stacey Brook	4,771 16	44 30	4,726 86
Palmer School	969 64	402 90	566 74
Humphrey Street Sewer	7,800 00	6,378 37	1,421 63
Mountain Avenue Sewer	1,200 00	716 06	483 94
Rockland Street, Rock Avenue, Beach Avenue, Redington and Boynton Streets	15,000 00	11,052 25	3,947 75
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	\$55,965 83	\$32,125 65	\$23,840 18

Amount carried forward

\$969,993 25

Amount brought forward

\$969,993 25

TRANSFERS.

Excess and Deficiency to Revenue	\$24,000 00
Excess and Deficiency to Overdrawn Accounts	3,541 59
Contingent Fund to Sidewalk and Curbing	350 00
Humphrey street Widening to Middlesex Avenue	541 46
Hill Crest Circle Sewer to Emergency Sewer	44 89
Cherry Street Sewer to Emergency Sewer	1,433 81
Emergency Water to Water	1,431 70
Morton Road, Water to Emergency Water	381 50
Elmwood Road Water to Emergency Water	56 79
Bradlee Avenue Water to Emergency Water	7 69
Lawrence Road Water to Emergency Water	81 58
Francis Road Water to Emergency Water	63 06
Franklin Avenue Water to Emergency Water	384 03
Fuller Avenue Water to Water	715 28
Forest Avenue Water to Water	946 08
Redington Street, Rock Avenue, Beach Avenue and Rockland Street to Water	7,806 74
Sherwood Street, Bond Street and Fuller Avenue to Water	1,885 10
Cemetery Lots to Trust and Investment Funds	2,130 25
Palmer Avenue Sewer to Humphrey Street Sewer	1,800 00
Trust and Investment Fund Income to Joanna Morse Library Fund Income	332 22
Trust and Investment Fund Income to Mary L. Thomson Library Fund Income	59 84
Trust and Investment Fund Income to Ellen R. Whittle Library Fund Income	99 14
Trust and Investment Fund Income to Munici- pal Insurance Fund Income	185 26
Trust and Investment Fund Income to Cemetery Lots Fund Income	680 85
Trust and Investment Fund Income to Chlotilda Farrar Fund Income	10 08
Trust and Investment Fund Income to A. F. Nesbitt Private Cemetery Fund Income	10 03
Trust and Investment Fund Income to A. F. Nesbitt General Cemetery Fund Income	16 02
Trust and Investment Fund Income to Phillips Medal Fund Income	89 92
Joanna Morse Library Fund Income to Trust and Investment Fund Income	398 49
Phillips Medal Fund Income to Trust and In- vestment Fund Income	35 64
Cemetery Lots Income to Trust and Investment Fund Income	239 00

Amount carried forward\$969,993 25

Amount brought forward

\$969,993 25

Trust and Investment Funds to Cemetery Lots

Fund, Bank books as per list 1,639 00

Ellen A. Buxton 200 00

Joseph S. Brown 100 00

Louisa Darling 100 00

Harriett A. Childs 100 00

Gratin Martin 100 00

Fredd O. Thompson 112 00

Miles Blanchard 100 00

Mary A. Machon 100 00

Jennie P. Chase 100 00

Mehitable Nesbitt 152 00

Sophia Pierce 100 00

Joseph Blaney 150 00

Sarah E. Parker 125 00

Sarah J. Harris 100 00

Chlotilda Farrar Cemetery Lot Fund to Cemetery Lots Fund 250 00

A. F. Nesbitt Cemetery Lots Income, private, to Cemetery Lots Fund 200 00

A. F. Nesbitt Cemetery Lot Fund, private, to Cemetery Lot Fund 200 00

Trust and Investment Funds Income to Cemetery Lots Income, Interest on bank books 760 22

Chlotilda Farrar Cemetery Lot Income to Cemetery Lots Income 10 08

A. F. Nesbitt Cemetery Lots Income, general, to Cemetery Lots Income 149 63

A. F. Nesbitt Cemetery Lot Fund, general, to Cemetery Lots Income 81 49

Water Loan Sinking Fund to Net Bonded Debt 4,825 64

57,874 08

\$1,027,867 33

Balance January 1, 1924

93,784 67

\$1,121,652 00

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT.

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1923.

CASH.

In banks and offices		\$93,784 67
Uncollected Taxes, 1921	\$28 80	
Uncollected Taxes, 1922	343 75	
Uncollected Taxes, 1923	54,519 75	
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Uncollected Moth, 1923		212 00
Uncollected Sidewalk, 1923	\$819 97	
Uncollected Sidewalk Bills	1,620 79	
	<hr/>	2,440 76
Uncollected Sewer, 1923	\$476 38	
Uncollected Sewer Bills	2,101 10	
	<hr/>	2,577 48
Property taken for Taxes	\$309 61	
Tax Titles	2,119 62	
	<hr/>	2,429 23
Water Accounts Receivable, 1921	\$326 93	
Water Accounts Receivable, 1922	733 22	
Water Accounts Receivable, 1923	10,191 51	
	<hr/>	11,251 66
Water Services	\$1,086 94	
Rents	50 00	
	<hr/>	1,136 94
Interest Water Miscellaneous Accounts		507 90

OVERDRAWN ACCOUNTS.

Election and Registration	\$466 58
Town Hall	596 89
Police	1,468 90
Tree Warden	113 53
Dog Officer	20 50
Refuse and Garbage	421 39
Highway Snow and Ice	12 60
Street Construction	9 90
Continuous Sidewalks	129 62
Poor	759 09

Pensions	47 36	
Library	15 66	
	<hr/>	4,062 02

		\$173,294 96
Loans, Authorized		35,000 00
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		\$208,294 96
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Debt.

Net Bonded Debt	\$667,652 82	
Water Loan Sinking Fund	125,147 18	
	<hr/>	\$792,800 00
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Trust Funds.

Securities	\$29,519 46	
Securities Income	7,922 07	
	<hr/>	\$37,441 53
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SIDEWALKS AND SEWERS.

Apportioned, not due		\$1,956 65
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TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT.

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1923.

Accounts Current.

Premium on Notes and Bonds	\$2,289 64	
Water Revenue	12,896 50	
Reserve from Overlay	2,212 87	
Overlay, 1921	28 80	
Overlay, 1922	343 75	
Overlay, 1923	467 75	
Excess and Deficiency	33,662 41	
Loans in Anticipation of Revenue	50,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$101,901 72

REVENUE.

Moth Revenue	\$212 00	
Sidewalk Revenue	2,440 76	
Sewer Revenue	2,577 48	
Blaney Beach Drain	100 00	
Roy Street	300 00	
Military Aid	500 00	
Library Building Fund	107 32	
Municipal Insurance	402 00	
Contingent Fund	2,150 00	
Repairs G. A. R. Hall	117 92	
Andrews Memorial Chapel	23,984 77	
Water Department	10,302 35	
Interest on Loans in Anticipation Revenue	1,456 46	
Humphrey Street Curbing	2,900 00	
	<hr/>	47,551 06

NON-REVENUE.

Military Equipment	\$6 45	
Burrill Street Repairs	1,503 41	
Atlantic Avenue	2,431 12	
Burpee Road	1,143 47	
Humphrey Street	32	
Emergency Sewer	4,891 17	
Emergency Water	1,418 30	
Forest Avenue Water Main	905 81	
Stacey Brook	9,726 86	
Palmer School Addition	566 74	
Essex Street	24,000 00	
Redington Street, Land and Buildings	6,000 00	

Humphrey Street Sewer	1,421 63	
Mountain Avenue Sewer	483 94	
Water Pipes, Rockland Street, Rock Avenue, Beach Avenue, Redington and Boynton Sts.	3,947 75	
Water Pipes, Sherwood and Bond Streets	395 21	
	<hr/>	58,842 18
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		<u><u>\$208,294 96</u></u>

Accounts.

Permanent Improvement Notes	\$291,900 00	
Sewer Bonds Serial	228,800 00	
Water Bonds Serial	122,100 00	
Water Bonds Sinking Fund	150,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$792,800 00
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Joanna Morse Library Fund	\$5,196 00	
Mary L. Thomson Library Fund	1,000 00	
Ellen R. Whittle Library Fund	2,000 00	
Cemetery Lots Fund	16,823 46	
Phillips School Medal Fund	1,000 00	
Municipal Insurance Fund	3,500 00	
	<hr/>	29,519 46
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Cemetery Lots Fund Income	\$3,563 32	
Municipal Insurance Fund	969 20	
Mary L. Thomson Library Fund Income	305 59	
Ellen R. Whittle Library Fund Income	437 54	
Phillips School Medal Fund Income	995 80	
Joanna Morse Library Fund Income	1,650 62	
	<hr/>	7,922 07
		<hr/>

Apportioned Sewers, 1924-1932	\$1,375 69	
Apportioned Sidewalks	580 96	
	<hr/>	\$1,956 65
		<hr/>

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Corporations and Taxation
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

To the Board of Selectmen,

MR. HENRY S. BALDWIN, *Chairman,*
Swampscott, Massachusetts.

GENTLEMEN:—I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Swampscott for the period July 1 to December 31, 1923, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division, who was placed in charge of the work.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

MR. THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts,

Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

SIR:—According to your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Swampscott for the period from July 1 to December 31, 1923, and submit the following report thereon:—

The books of the Town Accountant were examined and the recorded cash receipts were checked to the Treasurer's records and with the records of the various departments receiving money for the town. The uncollected accounts receivable were checked to the department records from which the commitments were made. The payments recorded on the Accountant's ledger were checked to the warrants issued by the Selectmen and approved by them.

An analysis of the ledger was made, thus proving the general accuracy of the accounts, and a trial balance was taken off, proving the accounts to be in balance. A balance sheet was prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1923, and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the Treasurer were examined and checked. The reported receipts were found to agree with the records of the departments making payments to the Treasurer and with the Accountant's books. The payments were found to agree with the Selectmen's warrants authorizing them.

The payments of debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled bonds, notes, and coupons on file.

The cash balance as of December 31, 1923, was verified by the bank

statements of that date. A reconciliation of the Treasurer's cash and bank balance is submitted herewith.

The trust and investment funds in the custody of the Treasurer were examined and the securities representing these funds were examined and listed, the receipts and payments being verified. Tables showing the condition of the various funds and the transactions for the year are appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the Collector were examined and the recorded receipts were checked to the payments made to the Treasurer as shown on his books.

The commitments of taxes and special assessments were verified by the Assessors' records, as were the records of abatements granted. The outstanding taxes and assessments were listed and reconciled with the Accountant's ledger.

The commitments of Water Department charges were verified by the department records, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the Accountant's records.

Tables showing a reconciliation of the taxes, assessments, and water accounts are submitted with this report.

The records of the Water Department were examined. The charges as shown by the card ledger accounts were compared with the Collector's commitments, and the records of abatements and adjustments granted were checked.

The water loan sinking fund in the custody of the Water Commissioners was examined, and the securities representing the investment of the fund were listed. The receipts and payments on account of this fund were verified. A table showing the condition of the fund and the year's transactions is appended to this report.

The books of the Town Clerk, the Sealer of Weights and Measures, and the Health and Library departments, showing receipts for licenses issued, fees, etc., were examined. Payments to the Treasurer were verified by the Treasurer's books and the accounts were checked with the records of the Town Accountant. Tables are submitted herewith showing the transactions in these departments.

The balance sheet shows the town to be in a good financial condition. There are, however, a number of overdrawn accounts, which must be provided for by appropriation by the town. In this connection I would call attention to Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws, which reads as follows:

No department of any city or town, except Boston, shall incur liability in excess of the appropriation made for the use of such department, except in cases of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons or property, and then only by a vote in a city of two thirds of the members of the city council, and in a town by a vote of two thirds of the selectmen.

While engaged in making the audit, I received the usual co-operation of the departmental officials, and I wish to express, on behalf of my assistants and myself, my thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON

Chief Examiner.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Cash on hand July 1, 1923:

General	\$107,327 53	
Water	17,285 29	
	<hr/>	\$124,612 82

Receipts July 1 to December 31, 1923:

General	\$619,003 61	
Water	32,602 36	
	<hr/>	651,605 97
		<hr/> \$776,218 79

Payments July 1 to December 31, 1923:

General	\$642,848 82	
Water	39,585 30	
	<hr/>	\$682,434 12

Cash on hand December 31, 1923:

General	\$83,482 32	
Water	10,302 35	
	<hr/>	93,784 67
		<hr/> \$776,218 79

Cash on hand December 31, 1923		\$93,784 67
Manufacturers' National Bank	\$53,215 46	
Central National Bank	18,580 56	
Security Trust Company	15,278 72	
Sagamore Trust Company	6,709 93	
	<hr/>	\$93,784 67

Manufacturers' National Bank

Balance December 31, 1923, per check book	\$53,215 46	
Outstanding checks, per list	561 41	
	<hr/>	\$53,777 87
Balance December 31, 1923, per bank statement		<hr/> \$53,777 87

Central National Bank

Balance December 31, 1923, per check book	\$18,580 56	
Outstanding checks, per list	1,916 39	
	<hr/>	\$20,496 95
Balance December 31, 1923, per bank statement		<hr/> \$20,496 95

Security Trust Company

Balance December 31, 1923, per check book	\$15,278 72	
Outstanding checks, per list	632 40	
	<hr/>	\$15,911 12
Balance December 31, 1923, per bank statement		<u><u>\$15,911 12</u></u>

Sagamore Trust Company

Balance December 31, 1923, per check book	\$6,709 93	
Outstanding checks, per list	325 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,034 93
Balance December 31, 1923, per bank statement		<u><u>\$7,034 93</u></u>

RECONCILIATION OF BOND AND COUPON ACCOUNT**Commonwealth Trust Company**

Outstanding July 1, 1923	\$ 70 00	
Deposits July 1 to December 31, 1923	9,501 25	
	<hr/>	\$9,571 25
Notes and bonds paid	\$6,500 00	
Coupons paid	2,931 25	
	<hr/>	\$9,431 25
Coupons unpaid, per list	140 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,571 25
		<u><u></u></u>
Coupons due and not presented for payment:		
Sewer loan, due September 1, 1915	\$17 50	
Water loan, due August 1, 1923	17 50	
Sewer loan, due September 1, 1923	17 50	
Water loan, due October 1, 1923	87 50	
	<hr/>	\$140 00
Balance December 31, 1923, per bank statement		<u><u>\$140 00</u></u>

First National Bank

Outstanding July 1, 1923	\$15,062 57	
Deposits July 1 to December 31, 1923	34,351 60	
	<hr/>	\$49,414 17
Notes and bonds paid	\$38,300 00	
Coupons paid	11,114 17	
	<hr/>	\$49,414 17
		<u><u></u></u>

Taxes—1921

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit .		\$1,522 80
Payments to Treasurer July 1 to December 31, 1923	\$435 60	
Abatements July 1 to December 31, 1923	62 40	
Tax takings by town (transferred to tax titles)	996 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per list	28 80	
		<u>\$1,522 80</u>

Taxes—1922

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit .	\$19,928 43	
Duplicate abatements	15 00	
		<u>\$19,943 43</u>
Payments to Treasurer July 1 to December 31, 1923	\$17,972 56	
Abatements July 1 to December 31, 1923	205 88	
Tax takings by town (transferred to tax titles)	1,421 24	
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per list	343 75	
		<u>\$19,943 43</u>

Taxes—1923

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit .	\$ 6,430 00	
Commitment	459,788 59	
Additional commitments	308 60	
Abatements after payment (refunded)	42 70	
Error in abatements	24	
		<u>\$466,570 13</u>
Payments to Treasurer July 1 to December 31, 1923	\$408,058 89	
Abatements July 1 to December 31, 1923	3,991 49	
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per ledger	54,519 75	
		<u>\$466,570 13</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1924, per ledger		\$54,519 75
Payments to Treasurer January 1 to January 7, 1924	\$ 1,676 65	
Outstanding January 7, 1924, per list	52,843 10	
		<u>\$54,519 75</u>

Moth Assessments—1921

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit .		\$11 25
Payments to Treasurer July 1 to December 31, 1923	\$8 00	
Tax takings by town (transferred to tax titles)	3 25	
		<u>\$11 25</u>

Moth Assessments—1922

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit		\$88 25
Payments to Treasurer July 1 to December 31, 1923	\$68 00	
Abatements July 1 to December 31, 1923	2 50	
Tax takings by town (transferred to tax titles)	17 75	
	<hr/>	\$88 25
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Moth Assessments—1923

Commitments		\$1,851 75
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,635 75	
Abatements	4 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per ledger	212 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,851 75
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Outstanding January 1, 1924, per ledger		\$212 00
Payments to Treasurer January 1 to January 7, 1924	\$ 3 50	
Outstanding January 7, 1924, per list	208 50	
	<hr/>	\$212 00
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Sidewalk Assessments—1922

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit		\$472 33
Payments to Treasurer July 1 to December 31, 1923		\$472 33
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Sidewalk Assessments—1923

Commitment		\$2,418 52
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,097 24	
Abatements	135 95	
Apportioned	365 36	
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per ledger	819 97	
	<hr/>	\$2,418 52
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Outstanding January 1, 1924, per ledger		\$819 97
Payments to Treasurer January 1 to January 7, 1924	\$ 11 00	
Outstanding January 7, 1924, per list	808 97	
	<hr/>	\$819 97
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Unapportioned Sidewalk Assessments

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit .	\$2,202 63	
Commitments July 1 to December 31, 1923 .	1,620 79	
	<hr/>	\$3,823 42
Transferred to sidewalk assessments, 1923 .	\$2,202 63	
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per list .	1,620 79	
	<hr/>	\$3,823 42
		<hr/>

Sewer Assessments—1922

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit .		\$260 43
Payments to Treasurer July 1 to December 31, 1923		\$260 43
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Sewer Assessments—1923

Commitments		\$806 37
Payments to Treasurer	\$329 99	
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per ledger .	476 38	
	<hr/>	\$806 37
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Outstanding January 1, 1924, per ledger .		\$476 38
Payments to Treasurer January 1 to January 7, 1924	\$ 7 51	
Outstanding January 7, 1924, per list .	468 87	
	<hr/>	\$476 38
		<hr/>

Unapportioned Sewer Assessments

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit .	\$ 472 27	
Commitments July 1 to December 31, 1923 .	2,115 06	
	<hr/>	\$2,587 33
Payments to Treasurer July 1 to December 31, 1923	\$ 251 93	
Apportioned July 1 to December 31, 1923 .	57 68	
Transferred to sewer assessments, 1923 .	176 62	
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per list .	2,101 10	
	<hr/>	\$2,587 33
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Water Rates—1917

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit . . .	\$19 23
Abatements July 1, to December 31, 1923 . . .	\$19 23
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Water Rates—1918

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit . . .	\$346 26
Abatements July 1 to December 31, 1923 . . .	\$346 26
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Water Rates—1919

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit	\$492 90
Abatements July 1 to December 31, 1923	\$492 90
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Water Rates—1920

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit	\$157 98
Abatements July 1 to December 31, 1923	\$157 98
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Water Rates—1921

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit	\$384 34
Payments to Treasurer July 1 to December 31, 1923	\$ 57 41
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per list	326 93
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	\$384 34
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Water Rates—1922

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit	\$842 51
Water rates, 1923, credited to 1922	4 58
Adjustment of unlocated error	1 03
	<hr/>
	\$848 12
Payments to Treasurer July 1 to December 31, 1923	\$ 91 31
Abatements July 1 to December 31, 1923	15 58
Water rates, 1922, credited to 1923	8 01
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per list	733 22
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	\$848 12
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Water Rates—1923

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit	\$ 7,163 69
Commitments July 1 to December 31, 1923	20,441 52
Water rates, 1922, credited to 1923	8 01
Water services, credited to water rates 1923	101 10
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	\$27,714 32
Payments to Treasurer July 1 to December 31, 1923	\$17,440 15
Abatements July 1 to December 31, 1923	77 17
Water rates 1923, credited to 1922	4 58
Water rates 1923, credited to water services	91
Unlocated difference	14
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per list	10,191 37
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	\$27,714 32
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Water Service Connections

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit	\$ 522 10	
Commitments July 1 to December 31, 1923	2,470 70	
Overpayment, C. E. Doughty (cash book, p. 88)	18	
Water rates 1923, credited to water service	91	
	<hr/>	\$2,993 89
Payments to Treasurer July 1 to December 31, 1923	\$1,795 67	
Abatements July 1 to December 31, 1923	10 00	
Water services credited to water rates, 1923	101 10	
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per list	1,087 12	
	<hr/>	\$2,993 89
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Water—Miscellaneous Account

Outstanding July 1, 1923, per previous audit	\$507 90	
Commitments July 1 to December 31, 1923	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$807 90
Payments to Treasurer July 1 to December 31, 1923	\$250 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per list	557 90	
	<hr/>	\$807 90
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Tax Titles Held By Town

Costs of titles held July 1, 1923, per previous audit	\$ 697 02	
Titles acquired July 1 to December 31, 1923	2,875 15	
	<hr/>	\$3,572 17
Titles redeemed—cash paid Treasurer July 1 to December 31, 1923	\$1,452 55	
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per list	2,119 62	
	<hr/>	\$3,572 17
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Town Clerk's Licenses**Dog Licenses**

Cash on hand July 1, 1923, per previous audit	\$101 00	
Licenses issued:		
Males, 41 @ \$2 00	82 00	
Females, 5 @ 5 00	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$208 00
Town Clerk's fees, 78 @ 20c	\$ 15 60	
Payments to County Treasurer	179 40	
Cash on hand December 31, 1923	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$208 00
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Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Cash on hand July 19, 1923, per previous audit .		\$ 6 00	
Licenses issued:			
Resident citizens' combination, 9 @ \$ 2 00		18 00	
Resident citizens' hunting and trapping,			
62 @ 1 50		93 00	
Alien's hunting and trapping, 1 @ 15 00		15 00	
Resident citizens' fishing, 5 @ 1 00		5 00	
Non-resident citizens' hunting and trapping,			
1 @ 1 50		1 50	
		<hr/>	\$138 50
Town Clerk's fees, 82 @ 15c		\$ 12 30	
Payments to State Treasurer		126 20	
		<hr/>	\$138 50
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Health Department

Cash on hand July 19, 1923		\$25 50	
Licenses issued:			
Hydro electric baths, 2 @ \$ 1 00, \$ 2 00			
Massage and manicuring, 3 @ 1 00, 3 00			
Swine, 6 @ 1 00, 6 00			
Alcohol, 9 @ 1 00, 9 00			
Non-alcohol beverage, 1 @ 10 00, 10 00			
Milk, 3 @ 50, 1 50			
Milk (store), 7 @ 50, 3 50			
		<hr/>	35 00
			<hr/>
			\$60 50
Payments to Treasurer July 19 to December 31,			
1923		\$59 50	
Cash on hand January 28, 1924		1 00	
		<hr/>	\$60 50
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Sealer of Weights and Measures

Cash on hand July 19, 1923		\$31 94	
Outstanding July 19, 1923		5 01	
Sealing fees July 19 to December 31, 1923 .		8 93	
		<hr/>	\$45 88
Payments to Treasurer July 19 to December 31,			
1923		\$35 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1923		4 41	
Cash on hand December 31, 1923		6 47	
		<hr/>	\$45 88
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Town Hall Rent

Rents collected January 1 to December 31, 1923	\$312 00
Payments to Treasurer January 1 to December 31, 1923	\$285 50
Cash on hand December 31, 1923	26 50
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	\$312 00

Public Library

Cash on hand June 30, 1923	\$ 34 88
Receipts from fines, etc., June 30 to December 31, 1923	113 01
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	\$147 89
Payments to Treasurer June 30 to December 31, 1923	\$100 00
Cash on hand December 31, 1923	47 89
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	\$147 89

Water Loan Sinking Fund

Savings			
	Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand at beginning of year	\$3,571 54	\$116,750 00	\$120,321 54
On hand at end of year	747 18	124,400 00	125,147 18
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Securities maturing	\$ 2,850 00	Securities purchased	\$26,000 00
Sale of securities	15,500 00	Accrued interest on securities purchased	220 78
Withdrawn from bank	2,824 36	Discount on securities sold	125 63
Discount on securities purchased	286 70		
Accrued interest on securities sold	70 14		
Income on securities	4,804 00		
Income on deposits	11 21		
	<hr/>		<hr/>
Total	\$26,346 41	Total	\$26,346 41

Phillips School Medal Fund

Savings			
	Deposits	Total	
On hand at beginning of year	\$1,941 52	\$1,941 52	
On hand at end of year	1,995 80	1,995 80	
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Interest earned	\$89 92	To town treasury	\$35 64
		Deposited in savings bank	54 28
	<hr/>		<hr/>
Total	\$89 92	Total	\$89 92

Joanna Morse Library Fund

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year		\$6,912 89	\$6,912 89
On hand at end of year		6,846 62	6,846 62
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Withdrawn from sav- ings bank	\$ 66 27	To town treasury . .	\$398 49
Interest earned	332 22		
Total	\$398 49	Total	\$398 49

Mary L. Thomson Library Fund

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year		\$1,245 75	\$1,245 75
On hand at end of year		1,305 59	1,305 59
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Interest earned	\$59 84	Deposited in savings bank	\$59 84
Total	\$59 84	Total	\$59 84

Ellen R. Whittle Library Fund

		Savings Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand at beginning of year		\$1,338 40	\$1,000 00	\$2,338 40
On hand at end of year		2,437 54		2,437 54
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS		
Sale of securities	\$1,000 00	Deposited in savings bank		\$1,099 14
Income	99 14			
Total	\$1,099 14	Total		\$1,099 14

A. F. Nesbitt Cemetery Fund (General)

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year		\$333 61	\$333 61
On hand at end of year . . . .		.....	.....
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Withdrawn from sav- ings bank	\$333 61	Transferred to Cem- etery Lots Fund . .	\$349 63
Income	16 02		
Total	\$349 63	Total	\$349 63

A. F. Nesbitt Cemetery Fund (Private)

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year		\$271 44	\$271 44
On hand at end of year . . . . .		.....	.....
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Withdrawn from sav- ings bank . . .	\$271 44	Transferred to Cem- etry Lots Fund .	\$281 47
Income	10 03		
Total	<u>\$281 47</u>	Total	<u>\$281 47</u>

Chlotilda Farrar Cemetery Fund (Private)

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year		\$250 00	\$250 00
On hand at end of year . . . . .		.....	.....
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Withdrawn from sav- ings bank . . .	\$250 00	Transferred to Cem- etry Lots Fund .	\$260 08
Income	10 08		
Total	<u>\$260 08</u>	Total	<u>\$260 08</u>

Cemetery Lots Investment Fund

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year		\$14,524 28	\$14,524 28
On hand at end of year		20,386 78	20,386 78
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
From sale of lots	\$2,130 25	Transferred to town for care . . .	\$ 239 00
Income	*680 85	Deposited in savings bank	5,862 50
Deposits for care . .	1,639 00		
Accrued income on above	760 22		
Nesbitt Fund (gen- eral) transferred . .	349 63		
Nesbitt Fund (pri- vate) transferred . .	281 47		
Farrar Fund (pri- vate) transferred . .	260 08		
Total	<u>\$6,101 50</u>	Total	<u>\$6,101 50</u>

*Sundry funds in custody of the Treasurer and not previously entered in the town records.

Municipal Insurance Fund

		Savings		Total
		Deposits	Securities	
On hand at beginning of year	.	\$783 94	\$3,500 00	\$4,283 94
On hand at end of year	. .	\$969 20	\$3,500 00	\$4,469 20
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS		
Income on securities	\$148 75	Deposited in savings		
Income on deposits	36 51	bank . . .		\$185 26
Total . .	<u>\$185 26</u>	Total . . .		<u>\$185 26</u>
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Town of Swampscott

BALANCE SHEET

Dec. 31, 1923

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\$208,294 96

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Joanna Morse Library Fund:			
Principal	.	.	\$5,196 00
Income	.	.	1,650 62
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Mary L. Thomson Library Fund:			
Principal	.	.	\$1,000 00
Income	.	.	305 59
			<hr/>
Ellen R. Whittle Library Fund:			
Principal	.	.	\$2,000 00
Income	.	.	437 54
			<hr/>
Cemetery Fund:			
Principal	.	.	\$16,823 46
Income	.	.	3,563 32
			<hr/>
Municipal Insurance Fund:			
Principal	.	.	\$3,500 00
Income	.	.	969 20
			<hr/>
			6,846 62
			<hr/>
			1,305 59
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			2,437 54
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			20,386 78
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			4,469 20
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\$37,441 53

\$37,441 53

In Memoriam

JAMES P. M. S. PITMAN

Surveyor of Highways.

Died November 13, 1923

JOHN R. MERRITT

Selectman

Died November 19, 1923

Warrant for Town Meeting

February 18, 1924

ESSEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Swampscott in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Swampscott, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to assemble in their respective precincts, in said Swampscott, on Monday, the eighteenth day of February, at 6 A. M., then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

At the close of the election the meeting shall adjourn to February 19, 1924, at 7.30 P. M., at the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for one (1) year.

To choose a Town Clerk for one (1) year.

To choose three members of the Board of Selectmen for one (1) year.

To choose one member of the Board of Assessors for three (3) years.

To choose a Town Treasurer for one (1) year.

To choose a Collector of Taxes for one (1) year.

To choose a Surveyor of Highways for three (3) years.

To choose one member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for three (3) years.

To choose one member of the School Committee for three (3) years.

To choose one member of the Board of Health for three (3) years.

To choose one member of the Overseers of the Poor for three (3) years.

To choose three Constables for one (1) year.

To choose one Park Commissioner for three (3) years.

To choose one member of the Water and Sewerage Board for three (3) years.

To choose one Tree Warden for one (1) year.

To choose one member of the Board of Commissioners of Trust Funds for three (3) years.

All to be chosen on one ballot.

ART. 2. To vote by ballot "Yes" or "No" upon the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?"

ART. 3. To hear and act on the reports of:

Town Clerk.
School Committee.
Water and Sewerage Board.
Board of Fire Engineers.
Tree Warden.
Superintendent of Moth Work.
Forest Warden.
Overseers of the Poor.
Building Inspector.
Smoke Inspector.
Superintendent of Cemetery.
Town Engineer.
Board of Health.
Health Officer.
Health Nurse.
Milk Inspector.
Plumbing Inspector.
Surveyor of Highways.
Chief of Police.
Dog Officer.
Sealer of Weights and Measures.
Trustees of Public Library.
Treasurer.
Board of Assessors.
Tax Collector.
Park Commissioners.
Park Land Commissioners.
Zoning Committee.
Board of Selectmen.
Town Accountant.
Finance Committee.

ART. 4. To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Water and Sewerage Board for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to salaries of the town officials for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money, from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1924, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, the debt or debts incurred thereby to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the School Committee, as contained in the annual report, dated December 31, 1923, on pages 83, 91, 92, 94 and 95.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Water and Sewerage Board, as contained in the annual report, dated December 31, 1923, on pages 109, 117 and 120.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Board of Fire Engineers, as contained in the annual report, dated December 31, 1923, on pages 122, 123 and 124.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the reports of the Tree Warden, the Superintendent of Moth Work and the Forest Warden, as contained in the annual report, dated December 31, 1923, on pages 128, 129 and 130.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Board of Health, as contained in the annual report, dated December 31, 1923, on pages 136, 142 and 143.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Surveyor of Highways, as contained in the annual report, dated December 31, 1923, on pages 147 and 149.

ART. 16. To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Chief of Police, as contained in the annual report, dated December 31, 1923, on pages 152 and 153.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations in the report of the Board of Selectmen, as contained in the annual report, dated December 31, 1923, on pages 189, 193, 194, 195, 202, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 and 212.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 391 of the Acts of 1923, entitled, "An Act Relative to the Collection of Water Rates."

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to rescind the votes passed April 3, 1923, at the adjournment of the annual town meeting, under Articles 19 and 55 of the warrant for said annual meeting, whereby the town voted to borrow the sum of \$6,000 and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor, in connection with the taking of the premises described in said Article 19, namely, that of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of Mr. Isaac W. Chick.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to rescind the votes passed at the adjournment of the annual town meeting held April 3, 1923, under Articles 17 and 55 of the warrant for said annual meeting, whereby the town voted to borrow the sum of \$5,000.00 and to issue bonds or notes of the the town therefor, to be expended in constructing a concrete culvert, in conjunction with the City of Lynn, over Stacey Brook, from the end of the present concrete culvert at New Ocean Street, a distance of about five hundred seventy feet (570'), to the Lynn culvert.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to rescind the vote passed April 3, 1923, at the adjournment of the annual town meeting, under Articles 17 and 55 of the warrant for said annual meeting, whereby the town voted to borrow the sum of \$24,000.00, by issuing bonds or notes of the town therefor, to be used in the reconstruction of Essex street, from the end of the cement road near the freight station to the Salem line.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to accept Palmer avenue, so called, from Humphrey street to the intersection of Orchard road with Palmer avenue, as laid out on a plan drawn by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated February, 1924, and to appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Arthur C. Lewis, *et als*.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to accept Orchard road, so called, from Humphrey street to the intersection of Palmer avenue with Orchard road, as laid out on a plan drawn by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated February, 1924, and to appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Arthur C. Lewis, *et als*.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to accept that portion of Buena Vista street, now unaccepted, as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated February, 1921, and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by C. Sanford Doughty, *et als*.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to accept Lawrence road, as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated January, 1924, and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by George D. Morse, Jr., *et als*.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to accept Prospect avenue, as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated January, 1924, and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Leighton S. Thompson, *et als*.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to accept Sherwood road, as laid out on a plan made by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, dated January 1924, and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Frederick S. Hall, *et als.*

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00, for the purpose of regrading Bellevue road, from Humphrey street to the Boston & Maine Railroad tracks, as petitioned for by John H. Sutherland, *et als.*

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to resurface Puritan road, from the junction of Humphrey street and Puritan road to the junction of Puritan road and Atlantic avenue, and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Surveyor of Highways.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to resurface Essex street, from the Boston & Maine Railroad freight yards to the Salem line, and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Surveyor of Highways.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$2,000 for street signs, as recommended by the Surveyor of Highways.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to resurface Greenwood avenue, from Rockland street to Forest avenue, to conform to the street lines, and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Surveyor of Highways.

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to purchase a gravel pit, and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Surveyor of Highways.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to build sewers in Aspen road, Arbutus road, Sargent road, Prospect avenue, Ocean View road, Millett road, Wyman road and Forest avenue, for a distance of about six thousand feet (6,000'), and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by James C. Soutter, *et als.*

ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in Essex street, near Belmont avenue, a distance of about four hundred feet (400'), and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Thomas Handley, *et als.*

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in Banks road, beginning at 85 Banks road and running southerly for a distance of about one hundred seventy feet (170'), and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Mrs. Florence M. Lacey, *et als.*

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer starting at Bay View avenue, through Fuller avenue, Bond and Sherwood streets, for a distance of about seventeen hundred feet (1700'), and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by James C. Soutter, *et als.*

ART. 38. To see if the town will vote to build a sewer in Palmer avenue, so called, from Humphrey street to the intersection of Orchard road and Palmer avenue, and to appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Arthur C. Lewis, *et als*.

ART. 39. To see if the town will vote to build a sewer in Orchard road, so called, from Humphrey street to the intersection of Palmer avenue with Orchard road and to appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Arthur C. Lewis, *et als*.

ART. 40. To see if the town will vote to construct a culvert for a part of King's Brook, extending from Stacey Brook to Huron street, a distance of about five hundred seventy feet (570'), in accordance with the plans prepared by W. W. Pratt, Town Engineer, and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the same, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ART. 41. To see if the town will vote to lay a six-inch water main in Bay View drive, so called, from Cedar Hill terrace, a distance of about three hundred fifty feet (350'), and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Walter A. Hall, *et als*.

ART. 42. To see if the town will vote to lay a six-inch water main in Bay View drive, so called, from Wyman road extension, a distance of about four hundred feet (400'), and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Mrs. Helen M. Williams, *et als*.

ART. 43. To see if the town will vote to lay a six-inch water main in Hawthorne road and Estabrook road, a distance of about nine hundred feet (900'), and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by George W. Foster, *et als*.

ART. 44. To see if the town will vote to lay a ten-inch water main, from Essex street, along said street as far as Overhill road, for a distance of about nine hundred feet (900'), and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by Franklin Keating, *et als*.

ART. 45. To see if the town will vote to raise ninety-six thousand twenty-seven dollars and eighty cents (\$96,027.80) to pay the assessment levied by the County Commissioners of Essex County, under Chapter 429 of the Acts of 1923, for the construction of the Tuberculosis Hospital at Middleton, and provide for raising the means therefor, by issuing bonds or otherwise, as the town may determine.

ART. 46. To see if the town will vote to increase the salary of the Chief of Police from \$2,160.00 to \$2,800.00, the captain of police from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00, and the permanent police from \$1,800.00 to \$2,200.00, and appropriate money for the same, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ART. 47. To see if the town will vote to accept the following scale of wages for the fire department: Chief, \$2,800.00; deputy chief, \$2,600.00;

captains, \$2,400.00; privates, \$2,200.00, and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by George F. Clay, *et als*.

ART. 48. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by right of eminent domain, for cemetery purposes, and appropriate money for the same, a certain parcel of land, bounded and described as follows:—

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the present town cemetery on Essex street, thence running easterly by the northerly line of Essex street, for a distance of about four hundred sixty feet (460'), to the westerly side line of Capen road; thence running northerly by the westerly line of Capen road, for a distance of about nine hundred five feet (905'), to the northerly line of the Town of Swampscott; thence running westerly by said town line, for a distance of about two hundred thirty-five feet (235'), to the easterly line of the present town cemetery; thence running southerly by the easterly line of said cemetery, for a distance of about ten hundred seventeen feet (1017'), to the point of beginning.

ART. 49. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by right of eminent domain, for public park purposes, and appropriate money for the same, a certain parcel of land, bounded and described as follows:—

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of the Greenway at the intersection of the division line between Jackson park and Progress park; thence running southwesterly by said division line, for a distance of about twenty-nine and seventy hundredths feet (29.70'); thence running westerly by several courses along the northerly line of Jackson park, for a distance of about sixteen hundred forty-two and ninety-three hundredths feet (1642.93'), to land formerly of F. H. Griswold; thence running easterly, for a distance of about nine hundred feet (900'), to the westerly side line of Overhill road; thence running southerly by the westerly line of said Overhill road on a curve of one hundred fifty feet (150') radius, for a distance of about three hundred fourteen feet (314'), to the Greenway; thence running easterly by the southerly side line of the Greenway, for a distance of about seven hundred forty-six and sixty-two hundredths feet (746.62'), to the point of beginning.

ART. 50. To see if the town will vote to erect a building, to be used for public school purposes, on the land in Redington street adjacent to the Hadley school premises, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 51. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand one hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$1,112.50) to permit the School Committee to give "instruction in the use of English for adults unable to speak, read or write the same, and in the fundamental principles of government and other subjects adapted to fit for American citizenship," in accordance with the provisions of Sections 9 and 10 in Chapter 69 of the General Laws and Acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

ART. 52. To see if the town will vote to transfer from Excess and Deficiency the sum of four thousand sixty-two dollars and two cents (\$4,062.02), overdrawn appropriations, and carried forward to 1924 by authority of the Department of Corporations and Taxation, Division of Accounts.

ART. 53. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the settlement of the petitions brought by Moorfield Storey, *et als*, trustees of the Maria L. Phillips estate, for the assessment of damages caused by the taking of certain easements in land belonging to the petitioners in connection with the building of the eastern intercepting sewer, as recommended by the Water and Sewerage Board.

ART. 54. To see if the town will vote to place a fire alarm box on Puritan road, near the Catholic club, and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by C. H. Martin, *et als*.

ART. 55. To see if the town will vote to appropriate money to transport the school children living in the vicinity of Foster Pond district, so called, to the Machon school, as petitioned for by Bertha E. Day, *et als*.

ART. 56. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) for the construction and enclosing of double tennis courts on Abbott park, as petitioned for by Walter L. Quinlan, *et als*.

ART. 57. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) for the purchase and installation of playground equipment, the same to be expended under the joint supervision of the Park Commissioners and the School Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217, Section 1, of the General Laws, as petitioned for by Walter L. Quinlan, *et als*.

ART. 58. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the purchase and installation of portable bleachers for Jackson and Phillips parks, as petitioned for by Harold F. Dow, *et als*.

ART. 59. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the custom of paying for telephone service in residences of officials or employees of the town, as petitioned for by Leon A. Hackett.

ART. 60. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the celebration of the Fourth of July, and to appoint a committee consisting of the Park Commissioners and four other citizens to have charge of the celebration, as petitioned for by Alfred F. Frazier, *et als*.

ART. 61. To see if the town will vote to change the name of that part of Palmer avenue, in Phillips Beach, lying northwesterly of Humphrey street, being the part most recently accepted by the town, from Palmer avenue to Orchard circle, the older part of said Palmer avenue running southeasterly from Humphrey street to Atlantic avenue alone to retain the name of Palmer avenue, as petitioned for by Edward F. Breed, *et als*.

ART. 62. To appropriate and raise by borrowing, under any general or special law which authorizes the town to borrow money, or otherwise, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for any or all of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles.

The polls will be closed at 4.30 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, post offices and three other public and conspicuous places in the town, seven days before the day appointed for said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixth day of February, in the year 1924.

HENRY S. BALDWIN,
JULIUS A. ULMAN,
FRANK E. MORRISON,

Selectmen of Swampscott.

A true copy. Attest:

FRANK H. BRADFORD,
Constable.



